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Bottomley concerned by 'twins at 59' case as Rome doctor fuels ethics debate

UK acts over babies for older mothers

By Jeremy Laurance
Health Services Correspondent

■ While doctors are split over the ethics of fertility treatment for older women, the Government is pressing for tougher international restrictions

TIGHTER international regulations on the provision of fertility treatment to older women are to be sought by the Government following the birth of twins to a 59-year-old British woman in London.

The mother, an unnamed millionaire businesswoman, was impregnated artificially with eggs donated by a younger woman at a clinic in Rome, after being refused treatment in Britain. Virginia Bottomley, the Health Secretary, said that similar cases would not be allowed in Britain.

However, at least 13 women aged between 50 and 52 are known to have undergone in vitro fertilisation at British clinics and at least two have given birth. The law does not set an upper age limit for treatment but doctors are required to weigh up the risks and take account of the welfare of the child under the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act.

Mrs Bottomley said that she had "reservations" about the case of the 59-year-old woman who is believed to be the world's oldest mother of twins. "In this country it would have been most unlikely to get through. Women do not have the right to have a child. The child has a right to a suitable home," she told BBC Radio 4.

She added: "We cannot stop people going to any country in the world for treatment but maybe we'll renew our efforts to have discussions with other countries as to the examples we set and how they can establish ethical controls over some of the dramatic achievements in modern medicine."

A health department spokesman said that European Health Ministers would be contacted in the new year. "We intend to explore possibilities and look for common ground. The next step is to ensure that European countries act in tandem on this issue," he said. Doctors re-

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Virginia Bottomley

main split, however. Dr Sandy MacAra, leader of the British Medical Association, writing in *The Times* today, says there should be no age bar to motherhood and each case should be considered on its merits. "Many older people look after their grandchildren. Youth is no guarantee of parental competence," he writes.

However, Steve Hillier, a member of the Human Fertilisation Authority and director of the Reproductive Endocrinology Laboratory at the University of Edinburgh said British centres would be expected to refuse treatment to a 59-year-old-woman.

"It is absolutely remarkable and puzzling that any sensible practioner would entertain treating a woman approaching the end of her sixth decade." He said "anyone sensible" would feel similarly uncomfortable about a man fathering a child at that age.

Dr Hillier said that under the code of practice there is an age limit of 55 for donors of semen and a limit of 35 for donors of eggs. The authority was "anxious and concerned" about the trend to offer treatment to older mothers. Clinics which failed to act responsibly in considering the welfare of patients or children could have their licences withdrawn.

"It is not illegal to treat women over 50 and it is left to the discretion of the doctors but it would be expected that they would take account of what it would be like for a child growing up with an old-age pensioner for a mother," he said.

Professor Robert Winston, director of the fertility unit at Hammersmith hospital has criticised the treatment of older women. He said they were at greater risk from complications in pregnancy and were not as deserving of eggs, which are in short supply. "I think it is unethical to use donor eggs on post-menopausal women when there are women in their 20s who have suffered an early menopause who deserve them more."

However, Professor Ian Craft, director of the London Fertility Centre, was more sympathetic. "Although I am not a proponent of fertility treatment for older women, I think a woman of an older age, up to a certain point, has as much right to be treated as a younger woman. I think it would be a negative thing if, because of the clamour of the media and the knee-jerk reaction of the authorities, they fixed an upper age limit for women when there is no age limit for men."

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LUCIANO AMENDOLA

Rosanna Giorgi Della Corte, 62, and her husband Mauro, 65, at their home near Rome

Farmer's wife tells of her longing for a child at 62

By Philip Willan and Andrew Pierce

A 62-YEAR-OLD Italian farmer's wife has become what is believed be the oldest woman to become pregnant. Details of the latest test-tube controversy emerged last night as Virginia Bottomley expressed concern about the ethics of such cases and virtually ruled out similar births in Britain.

The Health Secretary intervened only 48 hours after the birth of twins to a 59-year-old British woman who had undergone fertility treatment earlier this year. The British woman was a patient of Professor Severino Antinori who treated the Italian woman Rosanna Della Corte who is three months pregnant and will be 63 in February.

She sought the help of the professor who pioneers controversial test-tube baby techniques after the death of her only son, Riccardo.

The case is likely to further fuel the ethics debate but Signora Della Corte has no regrets. Speaking to *The Times* she said: "If I still had Riccardo I would never have done it. I just wanted a baby so much, I was prepared to do anything.

"I would so like to have another boy. He would look like Riccardo. I would so like to see the likeness of Riccardo again but I will accept the child just as it comes."

Professor Antinori claims that five British women, aged between 50 and 55, have become pregnant after seeking treatment at his private Rome clinic. A further 20 British women were on a waiting list. He is reported to have treated 1,000 women at his clinic with 35 successful births by women over the age of 50.

Signora Della Corte received the transplant of an egg from a younger woman fertilised with the sperm of her husband, Mauro, 65. An implant carried out by Professor Antinori last year ended in a spontaneous abortion. The couple tried unsuccessfully to adopt a baby and when that failed turned to the professor at his private clinic.

Signora Della Corte, who gave birth to her son Riccardo when she was 42, had long discussions with her husband before they made the decision. She said: "He is the strong one. I might have changed my mind, but Mauro said no, press ahead." They took into account the fact that all the

Riccardo: son who died

members of her family had lived long lives. Her mother had died at the age of 86 and her father at 93.

Far from being scandalised, the tightly-knit 5,000 strong community of Canino in the Apennines has rallied round the couple. Signora Della Corte said: "Everyone tells me to take it easy. They come to help me with washing and ironing. Everyone is concerned for me: perhaps they know the great sorrow I have had and are afraid for me."

The couple's son was killed in July 1990 as he was riding on his Vespa motorcycle.

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Mob try to stop police from taking 'home alone' children

By Richard Ford, Home Correspondent

A JEERING mob surrounded police and social workers as they arrived to take into care three young children left alone in a maisonette on a Midlands council housing estate.

The angry crowd demanded that they leave the children in the house until their father returned home. Some women attempted to get men to obstruct police, who were trying to break down the front door, secured by eight bolts. Police were so alarmed that violence might erupt on the Heath Town estate, in Wolverhampton, that they decided not to arrest the father at the scene.

The children, two boys aged five and four, and a two-year-old girl, had been locked inside the maisonette without food or drink in "appalling" conditions. Last night they were being looked after by foster parents and police said that their father was co-operating fully with their enquiries.

Supt John Colston, heading the enquiry into the fifth Christmas "home alone" case, said: "It is unbelievable ... that children can be left ... in such appalling conditions."

The children were discovered after police received a tip-off on Sunday afternoon. Police and social workers arrived at the premises and spoke to the older children through the letter box. Police gained entry by breaking through a heavily boarded window.

The children had been watching television but there was no sign of any food or drink for them.

Supt Colston said: "The children were generally dirty. The little girl was wearing a soiled nappy and the bedclothes were also soiled. There was only a single blanket on the boys' bed and the girl's cot, which is clearly insufficient at this time of the year." He added that a communal heating system was switched on and the children did not appear malnourished.

The father arrived home with his 16-year-old girl friend 20 minutes after the police, but because of the volatile situation it was decided not to arrest him. The children lived with their father after their mother left some time ago.

In another case, the father of a two-year-old boy found at home alone in Brighton was remanded in custody for eight days by magistrates.

Russian kidnap gang held

By Our Foreign Staff

A FOUR-DAY drama, in which four gunmen shuttled 12 schoolchildren and four adult hostages across southern Russia in a comandeered helicopter, ended with the arrest of the kidnappers yesterday as they fled through the Caucasus mountains with a $10 million ransom.

The gunmen left the aircraft but were seized after a gun battle. Their captives, most of whom had been released during bargaining with officials, were unharmed and most of the money was recovered.

One gunman was quoted as saying he needed money for Aids treatment. The ordeal began last Thursday when the men burst into a classroom.

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Hurd warns IRA of tougher tactics

By Nicholas Watt, Ireland Correspondent

TOUGHER security measures will be directed against the IRA if they reject the Downing Street declaration, Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, said yesterday.

In the Government's strongest attack on the IRA since the declaration of 15 December, Mr Hurd called on the provisionals to stop prevaricating and accept the agreement.

His comments were broadcast in a BBC radio interview hours after the IRA underlined its dissatisfaction with John Major's peace initiative by firing a mortar bomb into a Co Tyrone police station just 16 minutes after the end of its 72-hour Christmas ceasefire.

Mr Hurd, who was Northern Ireland Secretary between 1984 and 1985, said: "If you (the IRA) are not going to go for the declaration at the present time then security measures against you will be intensified and you can expect no let-up and no quarter on that front."

He added that the declaration had put immense pressure on the IRA. "They can no longer exploit divisions between the British and Irish governments or stir up trouble in the United States as they have done in the past," he said.

The Government is frustrated that the IRA, which is embarking on an intense round of consultations among its hundreds of members on the declaration, has said it could take weeks to work out a response.

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Graces may be saved by lottery

By Alison Roberts and John Shaw

ANTONIO Canova's *The Three Graces*, the subject of a four-year Anglo-American wrangle, is likely to be the first work of art saved by the National Lottery. The Heritage Department has announced it may defer export of the sculpture for an unprecedented 18 months.

Although the move will anger the J Paul Getty Museum in California, which bought the sculpture for £7.6 million in September, it is sure to delight the British art community, most of whom regard the 174-year-old *Graces* as a national treasure.

The Getty, one of the richest museums in the world, has been refused an export licence

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Senior Tory calls for Yeo's resignation over love child

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

TIM Yeo, the Tory minister who admitted being the father of a love child, won the cautious backing of Conservative MPs yesterday, but faced a resignation call from one prominent colleague.

The countryside minister's admission that a Conservative councillor had had his baby was generally accepted by backbenchers as a private matter that did not require his resignation.

However, David Evans, a member of the 1922 Committee's executive, called for Mr Yeo's resignation, claiming that his conduct undermined John Major.

Mr Evans, an outspoken right-wing MP, said that ministers or MPs "who do not behave in a way that nine out of ten people expect them to behave undermine the Prime Minister every time they do it".

It was disclosed at the weekend that Mr Yeo had had an affair with Julia Stent, a Conservative councillor in the east London borough of Hackney, and that he was the father of Claudia-Marie, who was born in July.

Mr Evans told BBC Radio 4's *The World at One*: "We have set standards. We are a party of family values. I believe anybody that sets themselves up in public life has a duty to set an example.

"If you accept the privilege, the responsibility and the honour of being a minister of the Crown, you have certain standards to set. Unfortunately, in the last year or so several of our ministers have not set that standard. If you do it and don't get caught, fair enough. If you get caught, goodbye."

In October, Mr Evans led calls for Steven Norris, the transport minister, to resign after revelations about his private life, but the Prime Minister took no action. Mr Major also rejected an offer to resign from David Mellor, then Heritage Secretary, after disclosures about his private life.

The forthright remarks by Mr Evans, a personal friend of Mr Major, suggested that the issue would not blow over as quickly as ministers had hoped. While his comments had some support among right-wing colleagues, his view was not generally held by MPs who followed the lead of senior ministers in backing Mr Yeo.

There was some disquiet among Tory MPs that the party's strong stance on moral issues and family values would be weakened by the latest revelation and could prompt indignation among some Conservative supporters.

Some MPs are concerned that Mr Major, in backing other ministers who have admitted having affairs, has created a precedent that could prove increasingly embarrassing if there were further revelations about ministers' personal lives.

One senior backbencher said: "People generally take a mature attitude to these cases, but it is becoming increasingly awkward for a party espousing the importance of family values. The Prime Minister has little choice but to stand by his ministers, but we have to face our constituents and some of them don't like it."

Other MPs were relieved that the disclosures had come during the Commons recess and that Mr Yeo's ministerial responsibilities did not involve him directly in family issues. "If he had still been at the Health Department [where he was a minister until last May], he would have had to resign, but now he should be able to stay on," said one MP.

Although senior Conservatives in Mr Yeo's South Suffolk constituency have yet to discuss the matter, Patricia FitzPatrick, the chairman of the consyituency association, said yesterday that she expected support for the MP.

"His personal life has certainly not affected the constituency at all," she said. "He has been more than honest with what he has said."

Animal rights campaigners aim to turn hunt enthusiasts into the quarry

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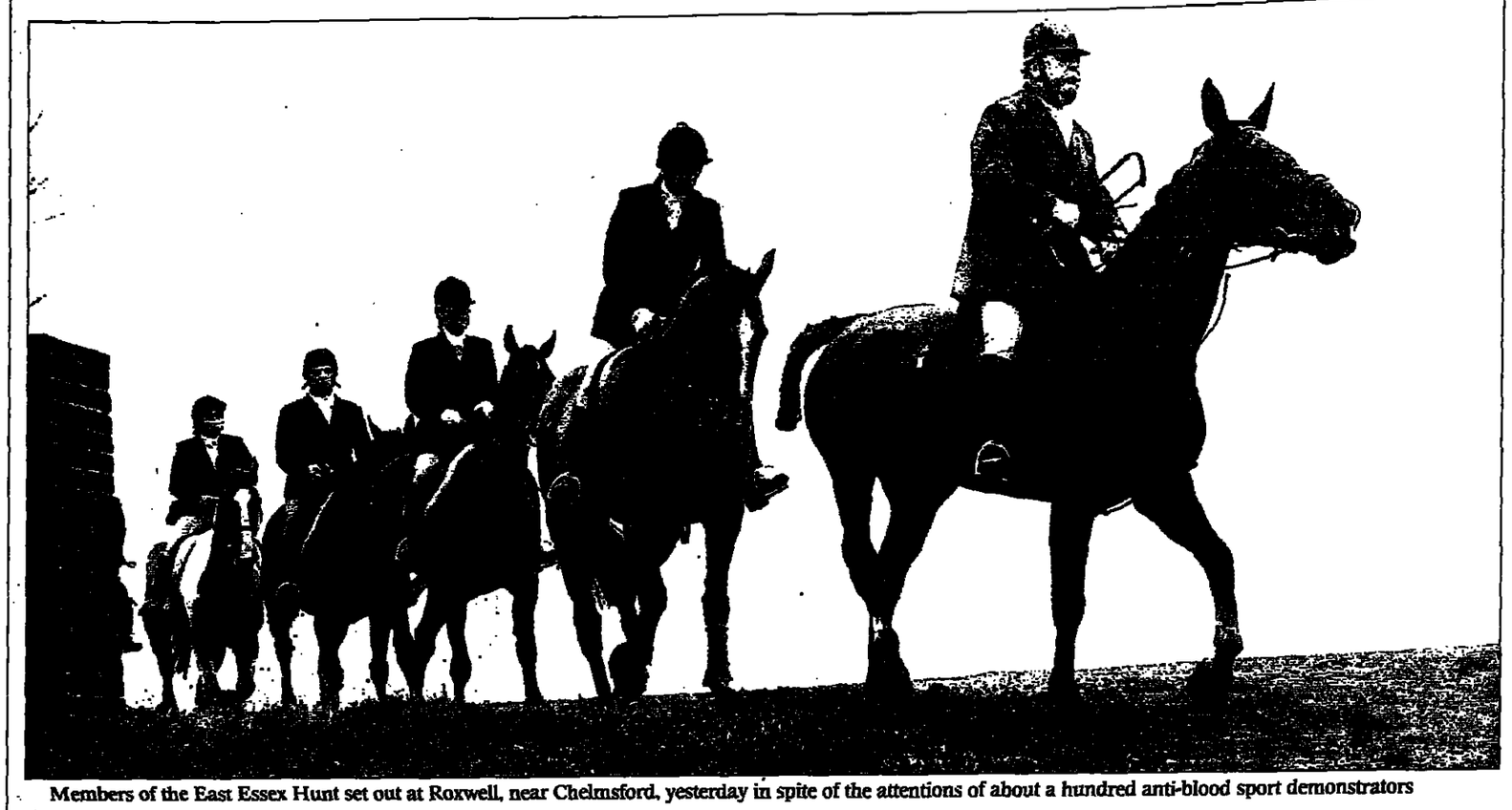

Members of the East Essex Hunt set out at Roxwell, near Chelmsford, yesterday in spite of the attentions of about a hundred anti-blood sport demonstrators

A protester gives vent at East Essex

Activists claim growing support from MPs

BY ANDREW PIERCE

■ **Politicians want hunt supporters and saboteurs to be treated equally under the Criminal Justice Bill**

ANIMAL rights activists who launched a new campaign yesterday to ban hunting have secured the support of a growing number of MPs who want to outlaw the sport on private land.

Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, is proposing in the Criminal Justice Bill to give sweeping new powers to police to tackle hunt saboteurs, who will face fines or imprisonment if they trespass at hunts. However MPs from all sides are considering an amendment that would treat hunt supporters in the same way.

Tony Banks, Labour MP for Newham North West, said: "The amendment will be put down if we are going to have a situation where the Government seems to be siding heavily with the fox hunters. We have all had complaints about hunts which stampede over people's land when they have been specifically told not to. There has to be some equity in the law.

"If there is a free vote we will win. There are a growing number of Tory MPs who are minded to persuade the Government that they want a free vote. We want to criminalise both sides, not just one."

The MPs will put down amendments to the Bill on January 11 which would make "hunt trespass" a criminal offence. Hunts that enter property illegally, such as railways and roads, would be prosecuted for trespass.

If, as expected, in some quarters, the Government allows a free vote, the hunt lobby could be in trouble. Tory MPs have told the Commons animal welfare group of their anxiety that the Government seems to be taking only one side of the hunting argument.

Mr Banks launched a poster campaign for the League Against Cruelty in London yesterday. The posters are aimed at the 14 out 47 county councils that have not banned hunting on their land. More are expected to follow suit next year.

John Bryant, wildlife officer for the league, said: "We are on the threshold of a major change. We are becoming very excited about Michael Howard's Bill. Hunts trespass regularly. I think hunt masters will resign in droves once they have got five or six convictions.

"We are hearing encouraging sounds from MPs from both sides. If there is a free vote I think we can win." The police had anticipated possibly violent demonstrations at the traditional Boxing Day hunts yesterday and there were only isolated incidents.

One of the country's most famous meets, the Hursley Hambledon in Hampshire, which traditionally has been held in Romsey on Boxing Day, was transferred on police advice because of the threat of disturbances.

Last year there was uproar when protesters filled the Market Place at Romsey. The meet was held at Meonstoke, about 30 miles from Romsey. The hunt is always welcomed into the Market Place to receive a stirrup cup from the mayor. The ceremony took place in Meonstoke instead.

Peter Voute, a spokesman for the British Field Sports Society, insisted that current trespass legislation covered hunts.

"It is because of what they fear in the Criminal Justice Bill, the power to fine and imprison saboteurs, that there were no problems. We encountered peaceful demonstrators with banners. No balaclavas or sticks. They don't want any more difficulties with the Government. There have been no problems today," he said.

"It is a great relief. We don't object to peaceful demonstrations. We object to intimidation and violence."

Banks: "There must be equity in the law"

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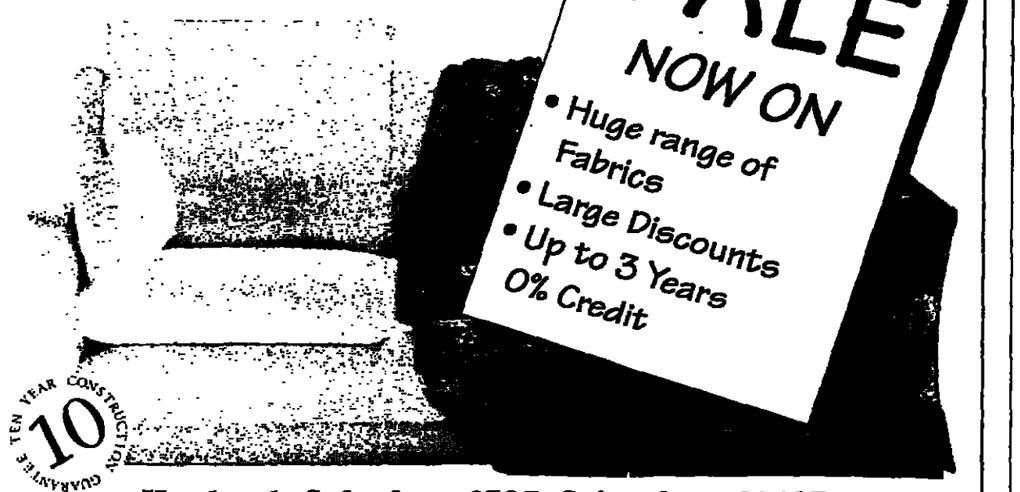

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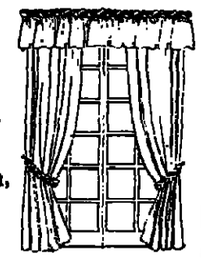

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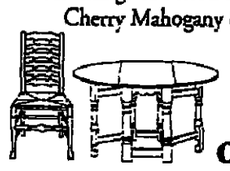

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Lottery may come to rescue of Graces

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once before — in 1989 when it tried to buy the sculpture for the same price. The American museum then issued a bitter statement claiming that the British Government had "not dealt with us properly or fairly".

The recommendation not to export, from the Government's independent reviewing committee on works of art, comes with the National Lottery now in prospect. While previous attempts to raise money to keep the masterpiece in Britain have failed dismally, the lottery could transform the situation.

Peter Brooke, the Heritage Secretary, has made it clear that some of the £1.5 billion expected from the game can be legitimately used to keep works of art from leaving Britain. He said: "The objects concerned would normally be those 'starred' by the reviewing committee as being of exceptional importance, for which every effort should be made to retain them in the United Kingdom."

Mr Brooke will ask figures from the art and museum worlds for further advice and a final decision on the future of the sculpture, previously owned by the Marquis of Tavistock and kept at Woburn Abbey from 1819 to 1985, will be made in February.

Sir Denis Mahon, the art historian welcomed the latest move by the Government but said the only problem was the length of time involved "which is a bit unfair to the Getty Museum".

Sir Denis said Mr Brooke should ask the Treasury for a loan to buy it now knowing the money would be repaid from lottery funds in about a year.

Ultimatum by Hurd to IRA terrorists

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Important discussions have been taking place over Christmas with the 60 IRA prisoners released on a week's home leave. Mr Hurd hinted that he hoped their sobering experiences in prison would encourage them to respond positively to the declaration.

He said: "The line against them, the ring round them, has become much more solid. That, I hope, will lead more and more of them to say: 'What it is all about? Why are we putting ourselves at risk? Why are so many of our relatives behind bars?'"

Mr Hurd's threat of tougher measures against the IRA ties in with similar warnings from Albert Reynolds, the Irish Prime Minister. However, the two governments have not spelt out what these measures would entail.

Internment of paramilitary suspects, which is favoured by many unionists, would be difficult to implement effectively because Mr Reynolds has ruled it out in the republic. Security experts say that internment could only succeed if it was introduced simultaneously on both sides of the border.

The Government's hopes for peace suffered a setback when the IRA launched a mortar attack into the grounds of an RUC station at Fintona, Co Tyrone, in the early hours of yesterday. But the attack does not amount to an IRA rejection of the declaration because the provisionals believe that such bombings allow them to negotiate from a position of strength. But the Rev William McCrea, the local Democratic Unionist MP, said that the mortar attack was the IRA's answer to London's policy of appeasement.

CORRECTIONS

In William Rees-Mogg's column yesterday, references in the first paragraph to the Bishop of Durham as "primate" should have read "prelate".

In the first edition yesterday, an agency photograph of Edward Leigh, Conservative MP for Gainsborough & Horncastle, was incorrectly captioned as Tim Yeo, the countryside minister and MP for Suffolk South. We apologise for the error.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Minister explains Jamaican action

The Government today denies that the detention of half a plane load of Jamaicans at Gatwick was racially motivated. In a letter to *The Times*, Charles Wardle, the immigration minister, defends the action that led to 27 men being expelled from Britain on Christmas Day.

He says that among the 323 Jamaicans on a charter flight were a number of cases needing further investigation. "This was not one of the regular flights from Jamaica, which are dealt with practically every day of the week with little difficulty. But where a passenger does not qualify for entry then it is right to refuse it." Letters, page 13

Ex-husband killed

Police are hunting for a man who fled from a woman's house after her former husband received stab wounds from which he later died. Aidan Bracken, 28, who is thought to have been paying his former wife a Christmas visit, died in a Truro hospital. Police had been called to the house in Bodmin, Cornwall, where they found Mr Bracken in a bedroom with serious stab wounds in the abdomen. Devon and Cornwall police said that a man who fled in a stolen Ford Escort may still have the murder weapon, believed to be a kitchen carving knife.

Girls 'saw gang rape'

The rape of two girls aged 14 and 15 by a gang of youths may have been witnessed by four teenage girls, police said yesterday. Detectives repeated their appeal for witnesses to the attack in Catford, southeast London, last Wednesday evening. The girls were grabbed as they approached a McDonald's restaurant and raped by seven youths egged on by others. Police said three girls may have seen the attack in an alleyway near the Rising Sun public house. A fourth girl was later heard talking about the attack. She was a light-skinned black girl, with pulled back hair and glasses.

Baby 'fights off HIV'

A 20-month-old baby has reportedly tested HIV negative after six earlier tests proved positive. Daniel Orme's father Roy Cornes, 26, is a haemophiliac with HIV. Tina Orme, 21, was one of five women he infected. Miss Orme said doctors told her the baby might fight the virus. She told *Today*: "I always lived in hope that a small miracle could happen."

Henge tunnel backed

A long traffic tunnel beneath Stonehenge is practicable and desirable, English Heritage, the owner of the site, and the National Trust have announced. The Department of Transport has agreed on the feasibility of the scheme after a report by its consulting engineers. The high cost of about £200 million is the main obstacle.

Britons snap up snails

British cross-Channel day-trippers took home more than 50,000 snails as well as cheap beer and wine, a supermarket manager at Calais confirmed yesterday. Frogs' legs also proved popular with more than 1,300lb making the one-way journey. During November and December, Britons made up almost half the shoppers at the big Calais stores.

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Physician who helped woman of 59 have twins pays little attention to critics

Under the spotlight: the Italian doctor who breeds publicity

FROM PHILIP WILLAN IN ROME

DR SEVERINO Antinori, who treated the 59-year-old British woman who gave birth to twins in London, is no stranger to controversy and is well-accustomed to the glare of media attention.

The 48-year-old Calabrian-born gynaecologist, who is married and the father of two children, has specialised in driving back the frontiers of human reproductive science while paying scant attention to the ethical problems raised and to the clamour of his critics.

Dr Antinori, who also treated a 64-year-old Italian woman now expecting a child, learnt the rudiments of animal reproduction as a child when he followed the work of an uncle, a vet from the east central Italian town of Civitella del Tronto. After qualifying as a doctor he began working in the gynaecological department of the Regina Elena Hospital, a small public hospital in Rome.

One of his first claims to fame was the discovery of the so-called "salmon effect", the realisation that spermatozoa tend to swim against the current of the seminal fluid, rather like salmon swimming upriver. His claim was slightly tarnished when one of his collaborators, the biologist Roberto Guglielmo, said he had actually made the discovery, "which may be important from the scientific and diagnostic point of view but is by no means miraculous from a clinical standpoint".

Other medical authorities attribute the discovery to Dr Simon Fishel, the British pioneer of artificial insemination, with whom Dr Antinori collaborated for several years.

Dr Antinori's main claim to fame came with the revelation in 1988 that he had helped a 53-year-old woman to have a child by implanting one of her eggs, fertilised with the sperm from her partner, in the womb of the woman's daughter. An Italian magazine described the resulting boy as "the son of his sister and the brother of his mother, so the uncle and the nephew of himself".

The Vatican denounced the procedure in the strongest terms, the first of a series of Catholic anathemas that Dr Antinori's work has brought down on his head. The semi-official Vatican newspaper *Osservatore Romano* said the girl who brought the pregnancy to term had been "used as an incubator, the prisoner of the egoism of her mother and of abominable techniques. Her dignity as a woman has been killed." Once again the publicity backfired. Things got off to a complicated start when Dr Antinori denied being responsible for the operation when interviewed on television and went so far as to criticise the procedure, only to admit subsequently that he was indeed the author of this medical exploit.

> **"There is much scepticism about him. He is applying to human fertility techniques that were developed for cattle and pigs. Real researchers are not interested in this"**

A spate of newspaper articles followed claiming the intrepid doctor was under investigation for alleged tax evasion, for defrauding four of his disappointed patients by failing to produce the desired child, and in connection with the legal complications resulting from the latest birth.

Dr Antinori now runs a private clinic in a prosperous quarter of Rome, only 500 yards from his critics in the Vatican. He hit the headlines in Italy most recently on December 22, when one of his patients, Cat Fenici, 30, gave birth to triplets in a Rome hospital. The multiple birth — Signora Fenici and her husband had actually wanted quads — was obtained by a technique known as "assisted hatching", whereby an incision is made in the membrane of each egg to facilitate its implanting in the uterus.

The father, Stefano D'Antonio, admitted candidly that the couple had sought Dr Antinori's assistance as a matter of organisational convenience. "You know how it is, work, time ... It was better to have a single pregnancy rather than three or four in succession."

Arnaldo D'Amico, medical correspondent for the Rome daily *La Repubblica*, believes that Dr Antinori has put his skills at the service of his patients' desires, rather than their health. "There is considerable scepticism about him in the Italian medical world," he said. "He is applying to human fertility techniques that were developed for cattle and pigs 30 years ago. Real researchers are not interested in this sector."

Dr Antinori pulled off another publicity coup when seven of his patients reportedly gave birth on the same day in the Regina Elena Hospital. Medical sources say he has used the fierce criticism generated by his activities to bolster his reputation as a much misunderstood medical genius.

In July Dr Antinori called off a planned visit to a patient in London, saying he had received death threats. He had planned to combine the trip with a holiday for his wife and daughters, aged 13 and 17.

Undeterred by criticism in England over the ethics of post-menopausal births, he said he intended to continue his campaign for civil rights in Britain, "so that a woman who is over 50 can ask for artificial fertilisation, something she is prevented from doing at the moment".

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Dr Antinori with Rosanna della Corte, one of his patients treated for infertility

Ambulance stolen on emergency call

BY HELEN JOHNSTONE

A MAN has been charged with stealing an ambulance from outside a social club while the crew were inside reviving a suspected heart attack victim.

The ambulance crew emerged after less than 10 minutes to take the stricken man to hospital to find the vehicle missing. They had to wait several minutes for another ambulance.

The missing ambulance was stopped in a nearby street by onlookers, who caught up with the driver and waited for police to arrive.

Jason Murphy, 21, from Oxted, Surrey, was arrested in connection with the incident and bailed to appear before magistrates at Uckfield on February 3. He was later charged with taking an ambulance, drink-driving, driving while disqualified and without insurance.

The incident at the Cinq Ports club in Uckfield, East Sussex, on Sunday night brought scathing criticism from the ambulance service.

A senior spokesman said: "This just shows the depths that people are prepared to go to these days. The people who did this must have been either incredibly evil or incredibly stupid.

"It would have been obvious that the ambulance was there to help treat someone or save their life. This is nothing short of callous."

The theft happened as a two-man crew worked to revive a guest attending a Christmas function in the club who had collapsed.

One ambulanceman said: "It seems the man was complaining of chest pains and this could well have been a heart attack and was therefore an emergency. The man was unconscious and had been going in and out of unconsciousness. He was very unwell."

Ambulance sources said that the delay in getting a back-up ambulance to the scene was only a matter of minutes. However, a spokesman added: "Any delay can be potentially fatal and this situation could have been a lot worse. We are frankly shocked."

Schoolgirl mother reunited with baby

BY ROSEMARY SMITH

A 15-YEAR-OLD girl who gave birth secretly to a baby she then hid in a neighbour's outside lavatory was reunited with the infant in hospital yesterday. The schoolgirl gave birth in her bedroom while her parents slept in the room next door unaware that she was even pregnant.

The teenager, who has not been identified, gave birth to her 6½lb daughter at Newton Abbot, Devon, at 5am on Sunday. After feeding the baby and wrapping her in clothes and a quilt, she carried the baby into the garden and left her in the lavatory.

Police said: "Her parents became aware there was something wrong when they found a trail of blood. But they still didn't know what had happened and took the girl to Torbay hospital for a check up. It was only then that she admitted giving birth."

Police went to the girl's home where they found the seven-hour-old baby. She was taken to hospital where she was treated for hypothermia.

Yesterday, a hospital spokesman said that mother and baby were doing well, but no decision had been made about their future.

Police said they would interview the girl when she was stronger to make sure no criminal offence had taken place, but had passed the case to Devon County Council's social services department.

☐ A lone parent who acted as surrogate mother for a middle-aged couple two years ago has borne them a second child. Alexandra Calder, 30, had her first baby for them two years ago after being artificially inseminated.

She agreed to carry a second child and delivered an 8lb 4oz girl at the Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle upon Tyne, last month.

Anti-crime woman accused of arson

BY HELEN NOWICKA

AN ANTI-CRIME campaigner has appeared in court accused of attempting to kill her former stepfather by setting fire to his house on Christmas Day.

Pauline Durant, an accountant and member of her local crime prevention panel, collapsed during the special court session at Windsor yesterday. The hearing was delayed while she was treatead by police.

Magistrates were told that burning paper was pushed through the letterbox at Hiromi Takahashi's home in Holyport, Berkshire, in the early hours of Christmas Day.

Mr Takahashi, who was married to Mrs Durant's mother until her death, was in the house with his girl friend Andrea Savage, her son Peter and mother Mary Lesner. They were woken by shouting outside.

Mrs Durant, 37, is charged with arson with intent to endanger life and violent disorder.

Her brother Neil Sutton, 28, of no fixed address, Caven Knight, 18, of Lower Earley, Berkshire, and a 16-year-old youth who cannot be named, have also been charged after the incident.

All were released on bail until January 5.

Police move crush barriers to protect new year crowd

BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT AND ANGELA MACKAY

FRESH plans have been drawn up to control the crowds in Trafalgar Square on New Year's Eve after last year's near-disaster when senior police officers believe they came within minutes of losing control of the 120,000-strong crowd.

It was one of the most difficult times in the square since two women were crushed to death ten years before.

One big change will be a realignment of crush barriers in the square to cut down "pinch points", which will lower the square's capacity by nearly 10,000 people.

Senior Scotland Yard officers' concerns were heightened by the tragedy in Hong Kong last year when 20 new year revellers were killed among a crowd of 20,000 that went out of control.

In all 127 people were treated last year for injuries received in Trafalgar Square on the night.

In the wake of Scotland Yard's fears, a safety committee was set up to plan for the event. Members include representatives of Westminster City Council and the Heritage Department, which owns the square, as well as the police and other emergency services

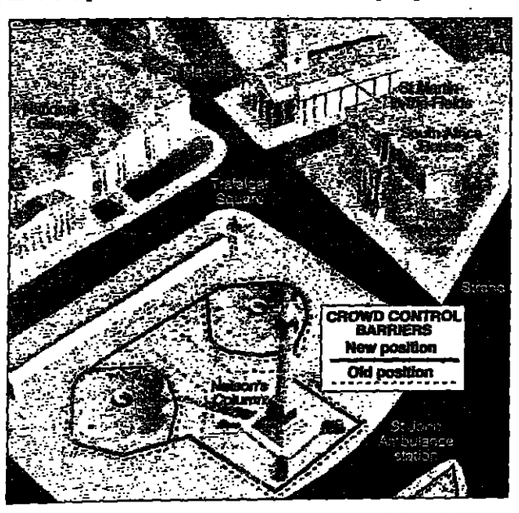
The decision to move the barriers was taken after a report by Westminster City Council's safety officer. It will mean that the fountains are in the police "sterile" area. In the past they ran between, leaving narrow corridors on either side, leading to a crush against the fountains when the crowd surged. The council will also grease the lamp-posts around the square to discourage people from climbing them and sending them crashing into the crowd.

Commander John Purnell, who will command operations on the ground on Friday night, said: "It's the first time we have used the new arrangements with the barriers and the only drawback may be that it will displace people into the surrounding streets."

There will again be a free bus service starting just before midnight but for the first time in ten years it will not have a sponsor.

In all, there will be about 1,900 officers on duty in the West End with about 1,000 in the vicinity of the square.

Mr Purnell added: "The problem that we have is that we are policing an event which doesn't have an organiser."



Reserved: table for two, in your home

BY ROBIN YOUNG

NO LONGER is it necessary to make your way to a restaurant to enjoy a restaurant meal. Such is the state of trade that restaurants will have their food delivered to you or, if that is not good enough, come and fetch you to eat with them.

Until recently, 90 per cent of home delivered meals have been pizzas, but now about 50 restaurants in London have affiliated to a home delivery operation called Room Service.

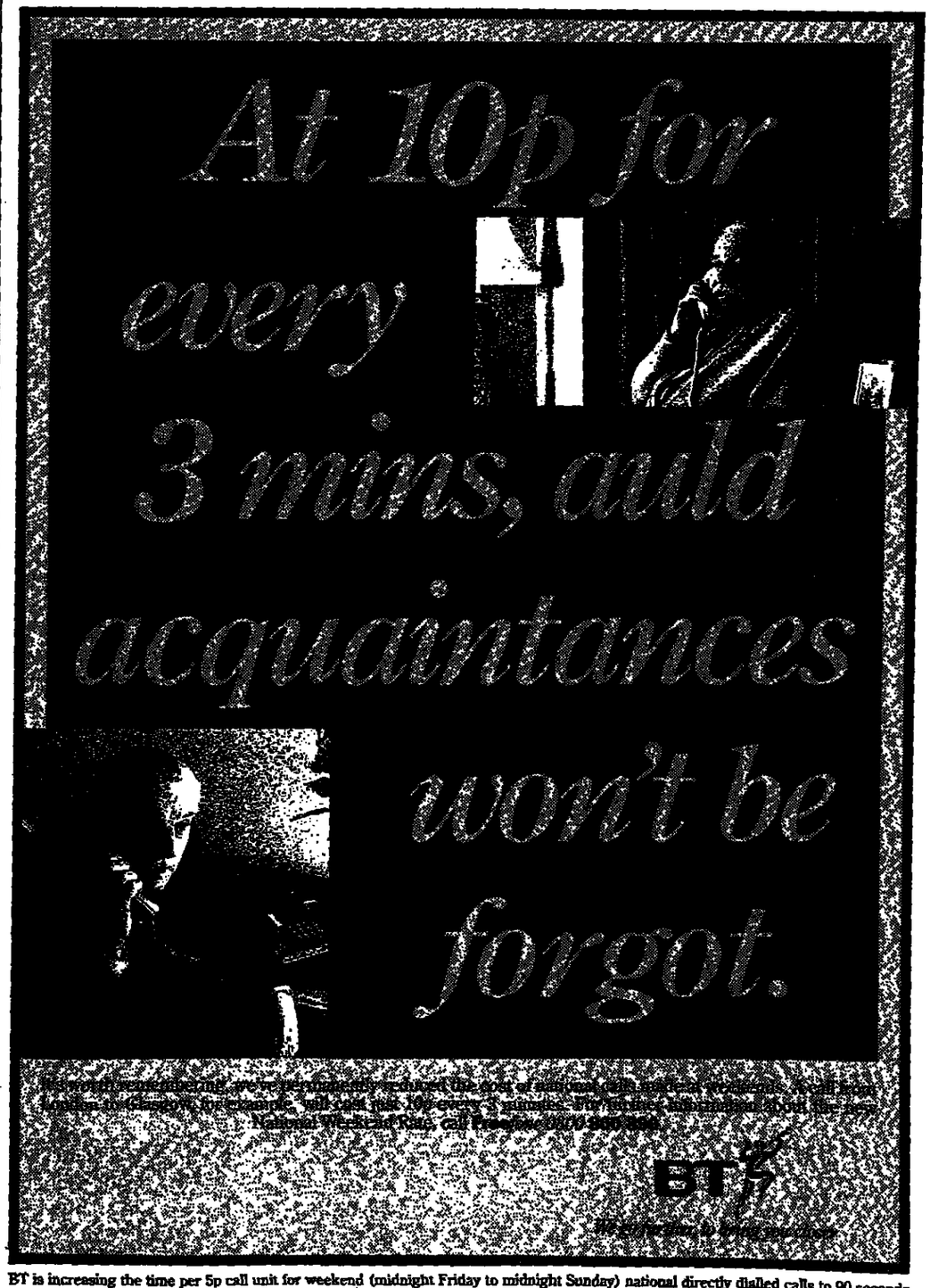
Another restaurant in Hampstead has just started offering a free chauffeur service for anyone living within a five-mile radius who wants to come and dine. Le Carapace, a French restaurant, also offers its menus of Provençal food at half price to those prepared to vacate their tables by 8pm, and offers half price on the *à la carte* menu to the under-12s or over-60s. Moreover, people who collect three bills from the restaurant can have a fourth meal free.

"We are trying to break the mould," the restaurant said yesterday. "We are aware that some restaurants have been landing in the soup lately, and we have no intention of joining them."

Room Service, founded by Ronnie Pearl and Gerald Gold, ferries the restaurants' food in insulated "butler bags" to addresses in central and northwest London, and the City. The usual delivery time is about an hour, and the prices in Room Service's "dine-in guides" are the same as those on the restaurants' menus. A £4 delivery charge is added.

Other parts of the country are, as yet, not quite so well-served, though increasing numbers of ethnic restaurants and fish and chip shops are offering delivery services. Adlard's in Norwich is one gourmet restaurant which has introduced a take-away service.

Steven Saunders, chef proprietor at The Pink Geranium in Melbourn, Cambridgeshire, offers a chauffeur-driven limousine as far afield as London and Surrey, but charges "a taxi-rate".



BT is increasing the time per 5p call unit for weekend (midnight Friday to midnight Sunday) national directly dialled calls to 90 seconds from 37.95 seconds (for 'b' band calls), 50.35 ('b1' calls) and 80.8 ('a' calls). Different rates apply to payphones and BT Chargecard. Options and Supportline customers benefit from the increased time per unit at the appropriate rate. Excludes calls to Premium Rate and mobile.

Palace meets industry minister to find ways of co-ordinating export drive by British companies

Prince carves out frontline role as trade ambassador

BY PHILIP BASSETT AND EDWARD GORMAN

THE Prince of Wales is engaged in talks with government ministers on developing a new role for himself as "royal ambassador" for British business abroad, *The Times* has learnt.

In an interview with *The Times*, Michael Heseltine, the President of the Board of Trade, said the talks were intended to help to define a precise role for the Prince in encouraging British companies in export markets.

The discussions, at which the Government is represented by Richard Needham, the industry minister, follow remarks by the Prince last month when he let it be known that he was dissatisfied with his limited role. He also pointed to a lack of co-ordination between him and the Government in promoting companies on his many overseas visits.

The Prince indicated strongly that, particularly since the break-up of his marriage, he wanted a more defined role in this area and believed it to be of benefit to Britain.

Mr Heseltine said he was keen to enable the Prince to make a greater contribution. "We are delighted that he has this ambition to play a role. If he feels there is a role that he could play, then we must welcome that."

The disclosure comes after publication yesterday of leaked extracts from a newsletter to be sent by the Prince next month to more than 3,000 industrialists, MPs and academics in which he restates and explains his aims for his Prince's Trust initiatives.

Sources close to the Prince denied that the leak marked the first move in a deliberate attempt by him to sharpen his public profile in the wake of his separation from the Princess of Wales, the allegations of an adulterous affair and the decision by the Princess of Wales to temporarily retire from public life.

In his message entitled *Working Together*, the Prince appears to acknowledge that his philosophy sometimes seems a little obscure. "I thought it might be helpful if I were to restate the philosophy behind the work of my trusts ... In my travels around this country, it has become more and more apparent to me that when people feel excluded from their community and unable to make a contribution, the whole fabric of those communities is at serious risk. When that fabric starts to disintegrate, we all suffer, whatever our position."

The Prince calls for practical help from the Government to help disadvantaged people, calling it "a key partner in helping to co-ordinate what is being done and in encouraging local action".

Speculation that the Prince is attempting to capitalise on his wife's decision to cut back on her public engagements and to "repackage" or improve his image, was denied by Alan Percival, his press officer, yesterday. "It's a bit of a tabloid agenda to connect this in any way with developments on the Princess's side."

☐ The Ven George Austin, the Archdeacon of York, said yesterday he had received hate mail from the public after condemning the Prince of Wales's alleged affair with Camilla Parker Bowles. But he said of the 200 letters received so far, they were about 2-1 in his favour.

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The Prince wants a new "ambassadorial" role

Year to remember the past and look to the future

BY ALAN HAMILTON

IN CONTRAST to his estranged wife, the Prince of Wales is embarking on one of his busiest years, the highlight being the twenty-fifth anniversary of his investiture at Caernarfon Castle in July.

He will visit the town for a programme of events but there is no intention to recreate the ceremony within the castle walls.

Another high point will be the screening over several nights, probably in late June, of a television documentary on the Prince. The broadcaster Jonathan Dimbleby and a camera crew have shadowed the Prince for the past year. The result is expected to be a glowing tribute to the Prince's life and work.

At the time of his investiture in 1969, when public approval of the monarchy was low and Welsh nationalists were threatening to disrupt the ceremony, the Queen approved the making of the BBC film *Royal Family*, at the time an unprecedented insight into the private lives of the House of Windsor. Some traditionalists believe the film whetted an appetite for personal detail that has become so voracious that it threatens to destroy the last vestiges of the monarchy's mystique.

The Prince will visit Australia in late January, which will inevitably stir the cauldron of republicanism. Paul Keating, the Australian Prime Minister, has advocated the severing of his country's royal ties but the Prince's presence is expected to bring a strong traditionalist presence on to the streets.

A visit to St Petersburg is planned, following the Prince's declaration that he wished to help save the city's artistic treasures and his setting-up of the St Petersburg Initiative under the banner of the Prince of Wales's Business Leaders' Forum. Because of the volatile state of Russian politics, no date has been fixed.

The Prince is likely to take an active part in two main fiftieth-anniversary celebrations for key events of the Second World War. As colonel-in-chief of The Parachute Regiment, he will play a role in the commemoration of the Battle of Arnhem. Along with the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh, he will take part in celebrations in June to mark the Normandy landings.

Diana: to appear in public less frequently

The Princess of Wales, on the other hand, has declared her withdrawal from public life. A proposed visit to a children's hospital in Moscow that receives training and supplies from Great Ormond Street hospital, London, has been postponed indefinitely, and a planned visit to Japan has been cancelled.

The Princess is not expected to be out of the public eye for long. She is likely to appear in public, although less frequently, working for British Red Cross, of which she is a patron, and probably for Relate, formerly the Marriage Guidance Council, another of her favourite causes.

The year will be dominated by speculation about the couple's divorce. With no sign of a reconciliation, the Prince and Princess are expected to make an announcement towards the end of the year on whether or not they intend to stay married. In December they will have spent two years legally separated and they could end their marriage quickly and cleanly, if they so wished.

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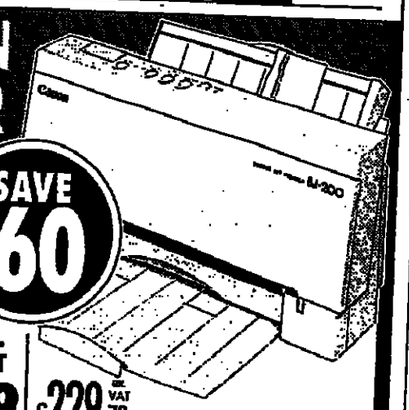

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Tory hails long-term recovery

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN'S economic recovery is "well under way" and will continue as a result of measures announced in last month's Budget, the Government said yesterday.

Stephen Dorrell, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, said Kenneth Clarke's first Budget had helped to put national finances "on a secure long-term footing", particularly by eliminating borrowing by 1997-98. Mr Dorrell attacked Labour and Liberal Democrat policies, which he claimed ignored the need to keep down taxes and inflation and reduce unemployment and government borrowing.

"Inflation has been below 2 per cent throughout the year, the first time that has happened since 1979. Unemployment, which Labour claimed in March would rise and rise, has fallen by 176,400 since the start of the year.

"The gross domestic product has been growing for six consecutive quarters. The recovery is firmly established," he said.

Mr Dorrell launched a Conservative research department pamphlet that pointed to improved fortunes after the revenue increases and public spending reductions contained in the Budget showed through.

'Golliwog' teacher wins case

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A LIVERPOOL teacher accused of calling a black pupil "golliwog" has won his case for unfair dismissal.

James Evans, a chemistry teacher, was sacked for gross misconduct earlier this year after allegations that he insulted a 15-year-old girl.

The tribunal called to hear his case in June submitted its written decision over the Christmas period.

It was told that seven of the 21 pupils in Mr Evans's class had heard him make the remark but were divided whether he had said "Golliwog" or "Wog".

One girl said that Mr Evans had stumbled in pronouncing her classmate's name when calling the register and had said: "Never mind, we'll just have to call her golliwog."

It was alleged that the teacher then smirked, expecting the class to laugh. But Mr Evans was reported to the headmaster by the pupil involved, who cannot be named, and was subsequently sacked.

In his defence, Mr Evans said that he had simply mispronounced the name and that the class had "gasped" when he got it wrong.

Mr Evans also said that Peter Barnes, head teacher of Gateacre Comprehensive School, had deliberately "set out" to sack him.

Mentally ill put on danger lists

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

REGISTERS of mentally ill people who may turn violent are to be drawn up as part of government attempts to reassure the public about its policy of discharging patients from psychiatric hospital.

At least 3,000 people will go on the lists, which will enable doctors, nurses and care-workers to know where a person is living and the type of treatment he should receive.

Virginia Bottomley, the Health Secretary, will today unveil detailed proposals aimed at giving greater protection to the public and the mentally ill after violent and tragic incidents involving psychiatric hospital patients.

Hospitals and community mental health trusts will have to produce "at risk" registers of severely mentally ill people who may turn violent and harm others or themselves. The registers will have to be completed by April.

Mrs Bottomley is also to issue new guidance to doctors and social workers on the discharge of psychiatric patients. "It is vital not to lose touch with seriously mentally ill people living in the community," she said. "To do that, it is vital to have up to date, accurate lists of those at risk."

Mrs Bottomley said the challenge was to find the type of effective monitoring system within the community that occurs within psychiatric hospitals. She will also announce that the mental illness grant for local authorities is to be extended for a further three years to help them to cope with the effects of care in the community. Local authorities will get £36 million next year.

Mrs Bottomley's announcement is the health department's latest effort to answer criticism of its community care policy. Anxiety about it and the closure of psychiatric hospitals has been heightened by cases involving the mentally ill. A year ago Ben Silcock, a schizophrenic, jumped into the lions' den at London zoo, and Christopher Clunis, 19, a paranoid schizophrenic, stabbed a man to death.

The plan for a register was welcomed by Sane, the mental health charity, but it said that unless there was a halt to the closure of psychiatric hospitals there would be no point putting people on a register. Marjorie Wallace, of the charity, said: "The real need is for beds to put people in when they are ill."

She said that too many mentally ill people who returned to hospital were discharged after a few hours' treatment. "When we try to get people into hospital they are turned away because they are told there are no beds because hospitals have closed."

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Sales rush takes off as crush barriers make a comeback

BY ROBIN YOUNG

TRAFFIC cones reappeared down the centre of Regent Street in the West End of London yesterday as police tried to regulate the nation's urge to spend, spend, spend in the post-Christmas sales.

Crush barriers lined the pavements and traffic wardens with megaphones beseeched teeming shoppers to show some consideration for cars and buses.

Crowds, however, thronged less thickly than on the first day of previous years' winter sales, partly because yesterday was Boxing Day and because some leading stores had postponed their reopening until today. The public also showed little impetuous haste in parting with its money.

"We have come early so that we can take a good look," a couple at the head of the queue outside Aquascutum said. "We know what we want, but it has got to be right."

A family from Essex shopping in Selfridges said: "We are here to get each other Christmas presents. But it does not matter if we do not find anything today because there are plenty more sales coming up."

At Austin Reed, a man musing the purchase of a £799 Chester Barrie suit reduced to £495 was turned back by a salesman as he made for the fitting rooms. "These are for made-to-measure customers only. Yours are over there," the salesman said, pointing to a crowded corner with a queue.

"In that case you can stuff your ruddy suit," the customer said, dropping it at the assistant's feet and walking out.

In Jaeger, a woman fingering a price ticket showing a reduction of £50 from an original price of £690 said: "What is the point? I call that really mean."

In the Oxford Circus branch of Bally, customer discontent was equally evident. "I wouldn't kick the cat in any of these," a man scornfully informed his wife as he surveyed with distaste a rack of bargain size 10½ shoes.

"With savings accounts showing so little interest, we thought the time had come to move out of money and into overcoats," said a woman in Burberry's. "As it happens, though, they haven't got the colour we wanted so the building society can breathe again."

At Selfridges, managers expected at least 125,000 customers to go through the store before it closed at 8pm, but the star item in the sale, a £65,340 diamond and sapphire cluster reduced to £32,670, attracted virtually no early interest. Bargain hunters were intent on making up dinner services in the china department.

In Gloucester's biggest store, the first rush was to buy Christmas decorations. Barry Wheeler, manager of Debenham's, said: "There was a very brisk trade in our Christmas lines such as fairy lights, decorations and cards, because they were reduced by 60 per cent."

Hayley Woolls, manager of the Tie Rack store in Gloucester, said: "People are coming in, but they're only buying the very cheap items."

By midday, there was a three-mile tailback on the A1(M) leading to the Metrocentre, Gateshead, and overflow car parks were opened. Ron Woodman, the marketing manager, said: "There has been an astonishing response to the start of the sales. Shoppers couldn't wait to get hold of half-price Christmas cards."

In the local Marks & Spencer, staff had prepared a special area ten times the normal size for customers bringing back unwanted presents. The manager said: "The biggest rush is for the refunds department."

TONY WHITE

The biggest bargain at Selfridges is this diamond cluster ring, reduced from £65,340 to £32,670, but so far there has not been much interest

Sun seekers flock to travel agents

BY HARVEY ELLIOTT, TRAVEL CORRESPONDENT

THE temptation to book next summer's holidays was successfully resisted by millions of Boxing Day shoppers yesterday, despite the biggest promotional drive yet undertaken by tour operators and travel agents.

After being bombarded with advertisements for discounts of 11 per cent across the board and up to 15 per cent on many cruise holidays, bargain hunters packed travel agencies from mid-morning. Most, however, were cannily looking for brochures to take away and study overnight rather than making a firm booking for next summer. Prices rise next week.

Nonetheless, many thousands did go ahead and book their favourite hotel at peak time while they still had the chance to guarantee their first choice. Lunn Poly, Britain's biggest travel agency chain, estimated that, when all the returns from around the country were counted, it would have sold 20,000 holidays yesterday compared with 12,000 on the first Monday after Christmas last year.

"Some of our shops, such as that in Meadowhall outside Sheffield, were packed and took a great many bookings. Others were not so busy."

A spokesman for Thomas Cook said that bookings were "brisk" without being record breaking. The brochures were being picked up "like there is no tomorrow. Long-haul destinations, such as the Caribbean and Canada, appear to be selling very well, very quickly. In the traditional short-haul market, though, the top three are Spain, Spain and Spain."

Going Places, the newly formed amalgamation of Pickfords and Hogg Robinson that is now the second largest travel retailer, also reported patchy results.

"In shopping malls or big towns — especially Croydon and Leamington Spa — where other shops are open we have done extremely well," said Kevin Welch, Going Places' marketing director. "It can only get better as the week goes on."

The average price being paid for a summer holiday yesterday was about £360.

The price war has been caused by a determination among the leaders to retain their market share. Lunn Poly, Thomas Cook, Thomas Cook and AT Mays have, as a result, virtually given away their profit margin in the post Christmas "sale", causing concern among smaller independent travel agents who cannot afford to do so.

Airports had their busiest day of the winter period as tens of thousands of skiers headed for the pistes. Most will return in a week's time and the working life of millions will not revert to normal until Tuesday, January 4.

How bleak is their valley

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY

THE Samaritans, who for 40 years have provided a sympathetic ear for people at the end of their tether, will be opening a branch early next year in the Welsh hills.

Stress in such surroundings might seem hard to understand but the rate of suicide among hill farmers is causing growing concern. In bleak mid-winter, the loneliness of their work can turn into profound depression. Sue Flower, South Wales regional representation for the Samaritans, decided to open the new branch after calling a meeting in Powys County Hall to discuss farmers' difficulties. She was astonished by the number of people who turned up. "In remote hill communities, many small farmers are under pressure and do not have close neighbours in whom they feel able to confide," she said. "They tend to bottle things up and then take drastic measures." She hopes the new branch will be operating by next spring, based at Llandrindod Wells, Powys.

Duke of Westminster: to chair conference

One of her keenest supporters is the Rev Gethin Rhys, a United Reform Church clergyman who ministers to a largely rural flock in the Brecon region. He has presided over the funerals of three farmers who died by their own hand in the past two years.

"This is a high number of suicides for a sparsely populated area. Isolation and loneliness are the key factors. Most recent years have also been poor ones economically for hill farmers, and now the government has cut their support just when incomes were starting to look up", he said. Life in the hills has always been hard. As farmers have shed the one or two workers they might once have employed to cut their costs, the sense of isolation has increased. It is not uncommon for a bachelor farmer in the remoter parts of Wales to spend a week without seeing anyone apart from the postman.

The Duke of Westminster, one of the biggest landowners, is to chair a conference on rural morale next March at at Stoneleigh, Warwickshire. Gillian Shephard, the agriculture minister, will deliver the keynote address.

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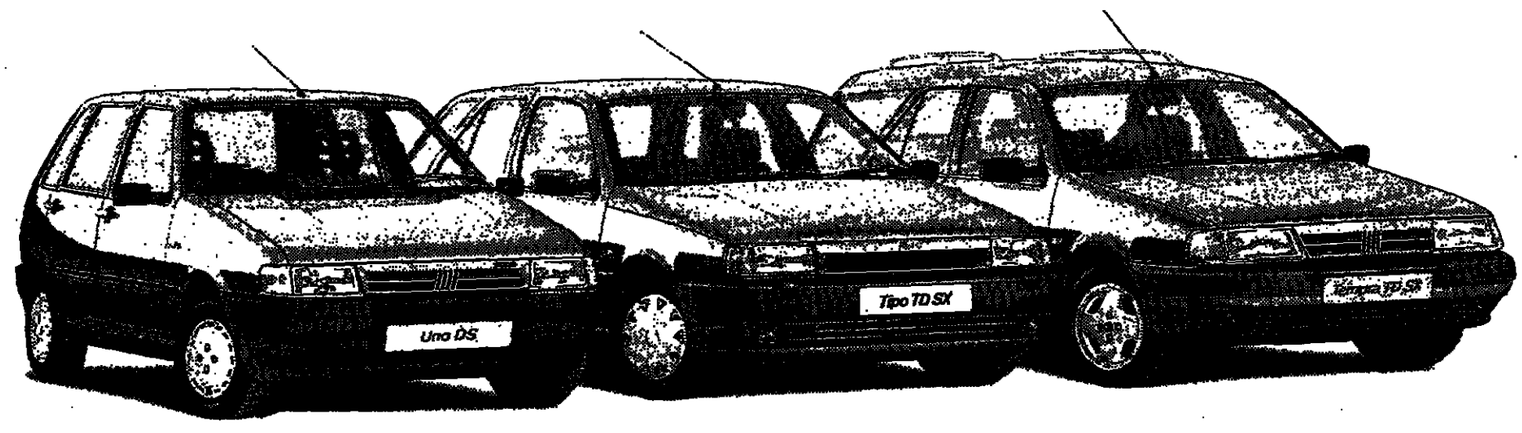

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Scrawl on soundboard links early instrument to the greatest musical dynasty

Sale uncovers £200 piano signed by son of Bach

BY JIM MCCUE

A PIANO signed by the composer Johann Christian Bach, one of the earliest champions of piano music, has been discovered after being sold in a provincial sale for about £200.

It is the only known instrument definitely associated with the greatest of musical dynasties, and might have been played by Mozart.

The connection with J.C. Bach, the youngest son of Johann Sebastian and the second most important musician in the family, was uncovered when an inscription on the soundboard was recognised as the composer's signature.

This has been authenticated by Dr Stephen Roe, who heads the musical manuscript department of Sotheby's and is a leading expert on J.C. Bach. The tiny writing runs across a crack, which would have made forgery almost impossible.

The instrument has been acquired by the Cobbe Foundation in Surrey, which aims to preserve antique keyboard instruments for playing. It also promotes awareness of the sounds the composers heard.

The Bach pianoforte joins instruments owned or played by Purcell, Chopin, Elgar, Mahler and Marie Antoinette, which are also in the collection housed at Hatchlands near Guildford, Surrey.

The piano dates from the 1770s and was almost certainly built by Johannes Zumpe, thought to be the first English piano-maker.

Although the nameboard is missing, Alec Cobbe, director of the foundation, says the instrument can be attributed with near perfect certainty to Zumpe.

J.C. Bach, known as the English Bach, is believed to have given his first public solo piano recital in Britain in 1768. His sonatas op. 5 (1766) were the first British music to bear the words "piano forte" on the title page, and three of them were later arranged as concertos by his friend Mozart.

Europe's square pianos predate English grands and would have been used at recitals.

The instrument authenticated yesterday requires repairs, which are to be funded by Sarasin Investment Management.

The Cobbe Foundation is also planning a concert on the instrument in the spring.

Judging from a 1769 Zumpe also in the Cobbe collection, the sound will be unlike that of a modern piano. It will be much softer and akin to that of a clavichord.

The discovery is important to scholars and musicians tracing the gradual eclipse of the harpsichord by the piano, with its additional expressive capabilities.

J.C. Bach, who most resembled his father, was given three of the family harpsichords by him. Johann Sebastian also apparently wrote Book II of *The Well-Tempered Clavier* for his son's musical education.

J.C. Bach settled in London in 1762 when he was 27 and took up the post of composer to the London Italian opera, replacing Cocchi.

For the next 20 years until his death, he was the most important figure in British musical life, though his music was played from Naples to St Petersburg. As well as promoting the piano, he experimented with other new instruments. He scored for a clarinet nine years earlier than Mozart, for example. As Queen Charlotte's music teacher, he was able to charge large sums for tuition, and was in considerable demand as a pianist, although he died in debt.

He appeared ten times on the London concert platform in May 1786 alone.

With the composer Karl Friedrich Abel, who had also been taught by J.S. Bach, he organised the Bach-Abel subscription concerts that have been described as the Proms of the day and at which Haydn's symphonies were first heard in London.

The concerts continued until 1781.

When Mozart was brought to London in 1764 by his father, they stayed with Bach and Abel, and the eight-year-old played a sonata with Bach.

Mozart was much influenced by Bach, and was delighted when they met again in Paris in 1778: "I love him (as you know) and respect him with all my heart."

If this piano is associated with Bach's visit to France in that year, it is likely that Mozart played on it. At present, however, nothing is known about its movements.

Bach died on January 1, 1782, and was buried at St Pancras, London.

He was mourned by Mozart as "a loss to the musical world".

Why Bach signed the piano remains uncertain. He is know to have chosen Zumpe instruments for friends (including Diderot), and there is a record of a payment of £50 from Bach to the maker in 1768.

Alternatively, he may have been marking his own.

In either case, says Mr Cobbe, the tone when it is repaired is likely to be of remarkable quality.

"As you would expect, composers pick the finest instruments they can find. To hear the sound of an instrument selected by a composer of Bach's stature in the 18th century is an unbelievable rarity and privilege."

Mr Cobbe says that musicians still have much to learn about what composers originally heard and the instruments they wrote for.

Because the field has been neglected, the Cobbe Foundation has been able to gather composers' instruments for sometimes only modest sums.

But after a generation that has striven to achieve greater accuracy by the use of period-style instruments, young musicians are increasingly interested in the composers' own keyboards, at which in many cases their music was written.

Recording companies will surely follow. Instruments do not come more authentic than this.

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MICHAEL POWELL

Alec Cobbe, director of the Cobbe Foundation, examines the piano that carries J.C. Bach's signature and may have been played by Mozart

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Father charged

David Johnson, 48, of Retford, Nottinghamshire, was remanded in custody until January 5 by Mansfield magistrates yesterday charged with attempting to murder his 14-month-old son. The child is in intensive care with head injuries which doctors confirmed were caused by an axe.

Solicitor guilty

David Pearce, 52, a former Swansea solicitor, has been struck off after being found guilty by a disciplinary tribunal of using £143,000 of clients' money to bolster his business.

Bet shop death

A father-of-three in his seventies died from a heart attack while watching racing in a betting shop in Southampton yesterday. His identity is being withheld until next of kin have been told.

Dirty business

Rhondda Borough Council in Mid Glamorgan is urging the public to report pet owners whose dogs foul the pavement. Officials will then secretly photograph the dogs in action for use in court.

Llama drama

A name is being sought for a baby born to Victor and Bluebell, resident llamas at Sewerby Park Zoo, Bridlington. East Yorkshire Borough Council is offering season passes for the best suggestion.

Double joy

Eva Bloomfield, 62, of Gloucester, and her twin Grace Leach have celebrated their first Christmas together for 40 years after Eva tracked her sister to Australia where she emigrated in the 1950s.

Siege man held

A man was being questioned yesterday after armed police surrounded a house in the New Parks area of Leicester in the early hours during a seven-hour siege.

Fire death

A man died yesterday after a twelfth-floor fire in a block of flats in Aston, Birmingham, where vandals had tampered with the water supply.

Railway closed

The main Bath to Bristol railway line was closed while police removed a car pushed down an embankment and onto the tracks in Bristol.

Twitchers fly north hot-foot

BY ROBIN YOUNG

ABOUT 30 bird spotters are to pay £100 each in the hope of adding an Arctic vagrant to their lists of birds seen in the United Kingdom. The twitchers are taking a chartered flight from Aberdeen to Grimister, Shetland, today in pursuit of an ivory gull, which usually winters at the edge of the Arctic pack ice.

Other rare birds exciting twitchers include a red-breasted goose, which the Bird Information Service reported as a new arrival yesterday at Shell Ness at the eastern end of the Isle of Sheppey, Kent. This bird is thought to have strayed more than 1,500 miles off course.

A more regular, but still uncommon, wanderer from the Arctic is a rough-legged buzzard lingering near Cairnbulg Castle, southeast of Fraserburgh, Grampian, while a little bunting, which ought to be in Southeast Asia, has been reported on the Orkney island of Stronsay.

There is a pied-billed grebe at Stithians Reservoir, near Redruth, Cornwall, and a spotted sandpiper at Fen Drayton gravel pits, Cambridgeshire. Both are thought to have been blown across the Atlantic from America.

Ivory gull

Ivory gull: usually an Arctic resident

☐ Researchers at Warwick University have launched a four-year project to give an image boost to bats, one of Britain's most endangered species. Dr Paul Elliott and Niamh Roche, of Warwick's science education department, say bats are one of nature's most effective pest controllers, but their numbers have declined by 90 per cent in the UK in the past century, mainly because of chemical pesticides that poison the insects and grubs on which they feed.

Dr Elliott said vampire films had given bats a lasting image of evil.

Rebel peers threaten student Bill

BY ALICE THOMSON AND JONATHAN PRYNN

■ A revolt might block the latest attempt to curb political activity in student unions, a long-time target of Conservative ire

A POWERFUL coalition of Conservative MPs and peers is threatening to embarrass the Government by defeating its proposals to clamp down on student unions.

The key proposal in the Education Bill to stop unions spending on political activities could be thrown out. Tory MPs are suggesting. Clause 20, which grants the Education Secretary powers to prevent certain student activities being subsidised by the taxpayer, has been badly drafted and severely limits freedom of expression, they say.

A senior Tory has written to John Patten, calling for the clause to be removed. Two backbench Tories met Tim Boswell, education minister, last week to voice their objections. Under clause 20, certain "core" student activities will still be funded with public money, but others such as political activities will not.

MPs point out that the clause was drafted in the summer when Mr Patten was ill and Baroness Blatch was running the department.

"Civil servants were left to their own devices and they have messed it up," one backbench Tory said. Another said: "Mr Patten is trying to prove that he is tough but he has picked on the wrong issue." There were enough disaffected Tory MPs to defeat the government if Mr Patten tried to push through the Bill as it stood.

The Bill, which also establishes a new teacher training agency, has already encountered stiff opposition in the Lords where it began its parliamentary passage. During the second reading debate earlier this month, 27 peers of all parties spoke against the Bill and only two gave it their unequivocal support.

Three influential backbench peers have already tabled an amendment aimed at striking clause 20 from the Bill. They are Baroness Perry of Southwark, the former vice-Chancellor of South Bank University, Lord Renfrew of Kaimsthorn, the Master of Jesus College, Cambridge, and Lord Walton of Detchant, the former Warden of Green College, Oxford.

A Tory peer who backs the Bill said: "There is even stronger feeling over the Education Bill than over the Railway Bill in the Upper House."

Rebel peers believe they have the support of 14 Tory backbench MPs. The Education Department said it thought opposition would dry up once the Government gave details of which "core" areas could be publicly funded.

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Tunnel impasse stalls intrepid drivers

BY KEVIN EASON
MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

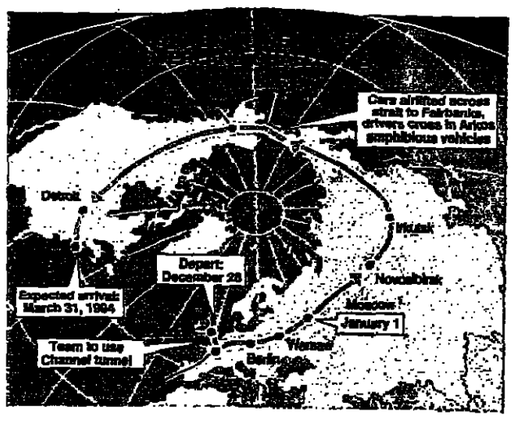
SIX intrepid car drivers facing a 15,500-mile journey across some of the bleakest terrain on Earth will today encounter their biggest obstacle — the red tape preventing them leaving Britain through the Channel tunnel.

The drivers and their multi-million-pound back-up team were scheduled to start the three-month London-to-New York Overland Challenge by being first through the tunnel.

Last night, however, Eurotunnel was uncertain when it could allow the drivers and their two cars through the 30-mile tunnel to France. The team had expected to spend tonight in Paris before driving on to Berlin tomorrow. Eurotunnel said: "There has always been a possibility that we could not get them through. We cannot give a specific time and the commissioning of the tunnel has to take precedence."

None of the shuttle trains is yet in service. That means the Overland team will have to wait for a passing service train or be towed through the service tunnel.

The team left the Embankment in central London yesterday on the first leg of the journey that will take it across Europe, Asia and North America — all by land. David Hunt, spokesman for Ford, which is financing the expedition, said: "It is an immense challenge and the first time anyone has had the chance to do it because we can get through the tunnel. We have no idea how difficult conditions will be as we move through Russia and Siberia where winter will be at its worst."



There are 28 support crew and a posse of aid vehicles for the two Ford Mondeos making the attempt. The scale of the project is so vast that on the leg from Moscow to Fairbanks in Alaska the team will need a tonne of pre-packed food, 5,500 gallons of petrol, 19,000 gallons of diesel and two tons of vehicle spares, including 90 spare wheels.

The support operation should take 250 hours of helicopter flying time, while a Hercules C130 aircraft, able to land on ice runways, will take fuel supplies and other essentials to remote areas.

Even with extensive back-up, the drivers face some of the most testing conditions known to man. They have been trained in survival and ice-driving techniques to ensure they cope with sub-zero temperatures.

They include Viktor Jarpukhin, a major-general in the Russian army; Jeff MacInnis, a former member of Canada's World Cup skiing team and leader of the first successful completion of the Northwest Passage by sailing boat; Peter Duncan, the actor and former *Blue Peter* presenter; and Jeni Ballagh, a university student in Northern Ireland and winner of a Duke of Edinburgh gold award. They will carry firearms to ward off wild animals or bandits.

After spending New Year's Eve in Warsaw, the team plans to reach Moscow on January 2, and then cross Siberia. At Uelen on the shore of the Bering Strait, the drivers face their toughest test. Because the Pacific is 3ft higher than the Arctic ocean, there is a constant stream of turbulent water that in winter builds up into a mass of steep, broken ice ridges. No one has ever managed a winter crossing. The team will traverse the straits aboard a 12-seater Arktos, a tracked vehicle designed for the Canadian coastguard to rescue oil rig workers in the Arctic.

Once at Wales, a settlement on the Alaskan coast, the expedition will travel by snow-mobile for about 1,000 miles to Manley. There they will rejoin the Mondeos, air-freighted from Russia, for the rest of the journey to Fairbanks, down the Alaska highway and across Canada to Toronto for a final dash via Detroit to New York.

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

PCA Qualifier

VLADIMIR Kramnik, the teenage Russian Grandmaster, was regarded as one of the pre-tournament favourites at the PCA Qualifier in Groningen. He made a poor start but came back strongly with this win against the veteran Viktor Korchnoi. White's plan of advancing on the queenside when his king was committed to that sector looked dubious. In the final position after 28 Qxe5 Black wins with 28 ... Ra1+ 29 Kc2 Qa4+ 30 Rb3 Rxd1.

White: Viktor Korchnoi
Black: Vladimir Kramnik
Groningen, December 1993

Semi-Slav Defence

1	d4	d5
2	c4	c6
3	Nf3	Nf6
4	Nc3	e6
5	Bg5	h6
6	Bxf6	Qxf6
7	e3	Nd7
8	a3	Qd8
9	e4	dxe4
10	Nxe4	Be7
11	Qd2	c5
12	0-0-0	0-0
13	dxc5	Qc7
14	Kb1	Nxc5
15	Qe3	b6
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19	Nd6	Bxd6
20	Rxd6	Qc7
21	Rd2	a5
22	Bd3	axb4
23	axb4	Ra4
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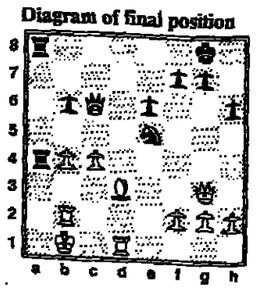
White resigns

Diagram of final position



Hastings

Britain's premier all-play-all tournament starts at Hastings tomorrow and runs until January 6 (with the general congress continuing until January 9). The line-up John Nunn, Ian Rogers, Matthew Sadler, the British champion Michael Hennigan, and Ketevan Arakhamia, one of the foremost women players from Georgia.

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PLO split deepens mood of despair as peace talks resume

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

■ **Hopes of reviving the Middle East dialogue appear doomed before negotiators meet. Israel has nothing new to offer**

ISRAEL and the Palestine Liberation Organisation were last night ready to resume negotiations aimed at breaking the deadlock in the peace process, but the Israelis said before the talks opened that they had no new concessions to offer.

In a desperate but probably doomed 24-hour meeting in Cairo, Shimon Peres, the Israeli Foreign Minister, and Mahmoud Abbas, the PLO's top adviser, were expected to try to resolve the differences that have frozen their historic "land for peace" agreement.

"I very much hope that [Yassir] Arafat will descend the tree he has climbed, because I am not bringing anything new with me," said Mr Peres, in an interview published yesterday in the Hebrew daily *Yediot Ahronot*. "I am going to Cairo with a lot of goodwill in order to put into operation the declaration of principles — out of respect to the Palestinians. But I am not bringing anything new."

The talks have been stymied on several issues, concerning, who will control future borders between the Palestinian self-administered areas and the neighbouring states of Jordan and Egypt, the size of the Palestinian enclave in the Jordan Valley round the town of Jericho, and the security arrangements in Gaza for Jewish settlements.

Israel has hinted that it is willing to increase the size of the Palestinian-controlled area in Jericho, but has ruled out a PLO demand that the autonomous region stretch to the Dead Sea. On the thorny question of borders, the two sides have proposed all manner of joint responsibility for frontier patrols and immigration control. However, the Israelis are adamant that they must retain ultimate responsibility for who and what is allowed into the Palestinian-governed areas.

Before leaving for Cairo Mr Peres hinted, during a lively debate in the Knesset on right-wing "no confidence" motions over the government's handling of the talks, that the present delay could last "a month or two months".

While the government has insisted that it is willing to stand by the deal for as long as it will take, officials concede that time may be running out for the peacemakers. Although the left-wing coalition survived the "no confidence" motions, the ruling Labour Party had to wheel in Sallah Tarif from hospital on a stretcher to ensure a majority.

The expected delay is also likely to increase the disenchantment felt by the Palestinians in the occupied territories, who were promised that Israel would begin withdrawing its forces from the Gaza Strip and West Bank town of Jericho on December 13. Mr Arafat, the PLO leader, is losing support, even among loyalists in his Fatah movement. At least four key figures in the occupied territories have resigned over the past two days, amid complaints about the slowness of the peace process and Mr Arafat's autocratic style.

"The Palestinian negotiations are being run the wrong way," said Sami Abu Samhadana, the head of Fatah's office in the Gaza Strip, who resigned on Sunday together with his deputy. "The organisational work is also going incorrectly. The Palestinian street will pay for this chaos, and I do not want to be involved in the chaos."

The latest resignations, after a string of defections, were prompted by the appointments of two Arafat loyalists to key posts in the occupied territories, where younger activists feel they have been overlooked.

The younger leadership, which was largely responsible for organising and executing the six year intifada (uprising) against Israeli rule, is suspicious that the PLO, from its exiled headquarters in Tunis, plans to instal a "salon leadership" of traditional figures and Mr Arafat's closest companions.

Since the signing of the peace accord, the power struggle going on within Fatah has already been blamed for the assassination of three prominent members in Gaza, and there are fears that further splits could lead to renewed violence.

Some of the best known and most able Palestinians to emerge in the occupied territories over the past few years have publicly criticised Mr Arafat's high-handedness and made it clear that they want no part of his future government. The most prominent defector this month was the articulate former spokeswoman, Hanan Ashrawi, who resigned to help establish a human rights watchdog.

President Clinton brings Yitzhak Shamir and Yassir Arafat together, marking a day of hope

Cairo tourists bombed by Islamic militants

Egyptian security men examining a tourist coach in Cairo after it was bombed and sprayed with machine-gun fire by suspected Islamic fundamentalists yesterday. Although the coach was carrying 18 Austrian tourists, nobody was killed. Eight Austrians were injured, three of them seriously (Michael Theodoulou writes from Nicosia). One man lost an eye, another had a bullet lodged in the brain, and a 25-year-old woman had serious leg injuries. Eight Egyptians were also wounded, some by flying glass, others when passers-by gave chase and the gunmen fired to clear an escape route through the narrow alleyways of the Old Cairo section of the city.

The three gunmen escaped in a taxi. The attack, at a time when many Britons are planning next year's holidays, came as the Egyptian authorities reported a modest revival in tourism. The authorities have hanged 29 militants since mid-June in a ferocious campaign of suppression. In response, militants have concentrated their attacks on officials and the security services, murdering 18 policemen this month in the highest police death toll in any month for two years. The bus carrying the tourists, who arrived on Sunday, was heading for the Coptic Hanging Church in Old Cairo, an area rich in historic sites.

"Suddenly I heard bullets and a big explosion," Muhammad Said, the driver, said. Other witnesses said one attacker, a youth of 17 or 18, limped in front of the bus to slow it down while a second man threw a bomb.

The bomb bounced off the bus, injuring several Egyptians outside a coffee shop while a second bomb exploded inside the bus. "It was our first trip today, to see Old Cairo," said Ernst Nowotny, 50, who appeared to have been deafened by the sound. "I saw something coming through the window. I thought it was a stone, but it was a bomb." His wife Maria, 48, was injured in the foot.

The attack coincides with an campaign against foreigners in Algeria, where 16 have been killed this month and 70,000 expatriates have returned home. The Foreign Office has advised Britons to be vigilant.

Israelis kill UN soldier in south Lebanon

BY RICHARD BEESTON

ISRAELI forces killed a Norwegian soldier serving with the United Nations in southern Lebanon yesterday and injured a second after the men were apparently mistaken for a group of guerrillas.

The five-man Norwegian foot patrol inside Israel's self-declared "security zone" came under tank and mortar fire near the village of Blat in the early hours of yesterday after the Israeli army said that it had spotted "suspicious movements".

Timor Goksel, spokesman for the UN Interim Force (Unifil) in Lebanon, said that the incident happened after the Israelis had been told by the United Nations that the sector was quiet.

In a separate attack, hours earlier, another UN position manned by Irish soldiers came under artillery fire from the South Lebanon Army, the Israeli-backed militia. In a third incident a Lebanese civilian aged 65 was killed by Israeli shells falling on the village of Braachit.

"We keep telling them that all Unifil positions are clearly marked and known. We try to be as co-operative as possible," Mr Goksel said. "We want them to pay more attention and take more care about where they fire their guns. Unfortunately that seems to be lacking in this part of the world."

The incident is likely to put further strain on relations between the peacekeepers and the Israelis. It is a particularly painful blow for the Norwegians, who this year successfully mediated the peace agreement between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

In Oslo, Jan Egeland, the Norwegian Deputy Foreign Minister, said that he had protested to Yossi Beilin, his Israeli counterpart. Mr Beilin expressed his "deep regret" over the action.

"I said that this is completely incomprehensible from the Norwegian side. The Norwegian patrol was in the UN area; it was a normal patrol," said Mr Egeland, who personally helped to broker the Arab-Israeli peace deal. "This episode shows how wrong the entire Israeli occupation of south Lebanon is."

The 5,000-strong peacekeeping force has lost 195 soldiers, including 20 Norwegians, since it was deployed in 1978 as a buffer between the Israeli army and guerrilla groups in southern Lebanon. Earlier in the year, a Nepalese soldier was killed during an artillery bombardment by Israeli forces.

Major General Yitzhak Mordechai, who is the leader of Israel's Northern Command, ordered a military enquiry into yesterday's incident, and Brigadier Baruch Spiegel, head of Israel's liaison unit with the UN in Lebanon, apologised to the Unifil commanders.

Businessmen try to keep Delhi reformer in office

FROM COOMI KAPOOR IN DELHI

WITH pressure mounting on P.V. Narasimha Rao, the Indian Prime Minister, not to accept the resignation of Manmohan Singh, the Finance Minister, there was a chance that he might be persuaded to stay in office.

The Prime Minister, who received Dr Singh's resignation letter last Thursday, has yet to announce his acceptance of Dr Singh's decision. Mr Rao appears to be waiting for the two-day debate in parliament, beginning tomorrow, on the report of the joint parliamentary committee enquiry into the multi-million securities scandal before making any announcement.

Dr Singh, the architect of India's economic reforms over the past two and a half years, had decided to resign because of critical references to him in the committee's report. The report, while upholding Dr Singh's personal integrity, said it had regretted that Dr Singh had not been alerted earlier to the steep fluctuations in the stock market, caused by illegal fuelling of funds from banks and government organisations. The report made far graver accusations against two other ministers, B. Shankaranand, the Health Minister, and Rameshwar Thakur, a the Rural Development Minister, who have refused to resign.

Since the announcement of his resignation, Dr Singh has received strong backing from representatives of trade, industry, the press and even opposition parties to stay. Indicative of the widespread support was the remark of Nicholas Fenn, the British High Commissioner, who at an award ceremony on Sunday said of Dr Singh: "If tomorrow you are run over by a bus, it will not only shake India but the whole world."

Rao: awaiting debate on securities report

The Economic Times observed: "Dr Singh is one of the few people to emerge from the securities scam with an unassailable reputation for integrity. Therefore it would be bizarre if he is punished when so many others with dubious reputations stay untouched."

After news of Dr Singh's resignation leaked out last Friday, there was a fall in stock prices. The full impact of Dr Singh's resignation will be known only when the market resumes trading in the new year. If Dr Singh's resignation is accepted, it is feared that it could lead to panic on the share market, which has only recently recovered from the scandal's aftermath.

Many businessmen feel that international lending agencies were willing to extend credit to the government largely because of Dr Singh's personal standing.

Malaysia driven back to English by market forces

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN BANGKOK

MALAYSIA'S increasingly mercurial Prime Minister, Dr Mahathir Mohamed, in a pragmatic reversal of a long-standing "look East" campaign, said yesterday that his government would permit technical subjects to be taught in English at Malaysian colleges and universities.

"We'll use English where necessary because we cannot let the efficiency and capability of our people be lower than that of people in foreign countries," he said at the launch of a second Malaysian car manufacturing company.

The former British colony, which became independent in 1957, started to phase out instruction in English in 1971 in an effort to erase memories of colonialism and to build a Malay culture. Dr Mahathir, who wants Malaysia to become a developed country by 2020, has fervently backed the "think Malay" drive. He now admits that there is a shortage of scholars who could translate English textbooks into Malay.

He said that his cabinet decided to bring back English-language instruction, at least at college level, so that Malaysia could remain competitive internationally. "From the practical point of view, we need to master English," Dr Mahathir said. Until recently, Malaysia, appeared to have been swinging towards Japan, and many Malaysians had been encouraged to learn Japanese.

Japan has invested heavily in Malaysia and many Malaysians were studying in Tokyo and other Japanese cities. However, American interest in investment in Malaysia has revived, after strained relations between Kuala Lumpur and Washington. "Even if we express strong opinions on certain issues, it does not mean we are anti-American," Abdullah Dadawi, the Foreign Minister, said.

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Hurd says UN force weakens incentive for Bosnia peace

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE
DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

■ With talks due to resume next month, Douglas Hurd has hinted that peacekeeping will not be extended beyond this winter

BRITISH troops will not stay in Bosnia indefinitely, Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, said yesterday, in a sign that the West is fast losing patience with the warring parties.

His warning follows the breakdown of yet another round of peace talks last week. One of the few points of agreement announced after three days of bitter haggling in Geneva and Brussels was a Christmas ceasefire — a truce marked by a savage increase in fighting in many parts of the republic.

European Union foreign ministers who invited Serb, Croat and Muslim leaders to the Belgian capital to learn first hand about the progress of the negotiations were dismayed to learn the extent of the gulf still separating the warring sides. The negotiations will resume in Geneva on January 15, a spokesman for the Bosnian government said yesterday.

The warring factions will lose the incentive to reach a peace agreement if they believe the peacekeepers are to stay in Bosnia year after year, Mr Hurd told BBC radio yesterday. Britain and France have hinted that their troops may be withdrawn in the spring, and Mr Hurd seemed to reiterate this when he added: "We are committed to this winter. We are keeping people alive. So long as that can usefully be done, we shall go on doing it."

Europeans could bring the parties together, apply pressures through sanctions and keep people alive, he said, but "a settlement to end the fighting will be reached, if it is reached, by the people doing the fighting", Mr Hurd said.

"I am not saying that every step we have taken or the timing of every move has been correct. I do not think one can argue that, but I stick to the main point which is that we should do well what we can do to help and not pretend that a solution is in our hands to impose on the people who are doing the fighting."

The situation was deeply unsatisfactory, "which is a diplomatic word to describe a tragedy and the tragedy is prolonged by all three sides". The Serbs started it and bore a heavy responsibility. "But an answer will only come if all three warring factions are willing to stop fighting and agree.

"We do not want them to believe that indefinitely there is going to be a European army protecting a humanitarian effort. We have taken no decision but it should not be assumed that this commitment will go on year after year after year." There are more than 2,000 British troops in Bosnia.

Asked whether Britain would take part in protecting the borders after any settlement was reached, Mr Hurd said: "The presence of American troops on the ground would have to be part of the effort, which is why it is a good thing that it is Nato doing the planning. I cannot see circumstances in which it would be sensible for us, without Americans on the ground, to take part in that."

□ **Belgrade:** Yugoslavia's National Bank issued a note valued at 500 billion dinars on December 23, then worth £2.50. Yesterday morning it was worth 33 pence (Tim Judah writes).

The rampant inflation has brought government promises that pensioners will receive food parcels next month. The announcement came as economists predicted that the inflation rate, which stood at 20,190 per cent for November alone, would top 500,000 per cent this month. The value of pensions has crumbled to about £1 a month, or the price of a kilo of carrots.

Reruns of balloting in 45 out of 8,887 constituencies after the December 19 Serbian general election have taken place, but early results indicated that the already predicted final result would not be changed. This gave the Socialist Party 123 seats in parliament, three short of the majority it wanted.

A Bosnian soldier walking through a snow-covered cemetery in Sarajevo yesterday carrying his sledge. Heavy fighting has broken out in the Grbavica neighbourhood of the Bosnian capital during the past few days

Tit-for-tat power cuts hit Sarajevo

FROM JOEL BRAND IN SARAJEVO

SARAJEVO was the stage for bitter fighting yesterday as snow fell and artillery rumbled across the city from battles on several fronts.

Meanwhile, the Bosnian government turned off electricity to several Serb-held areas and a Croat-held area. The move, which left tens of thousands of civilians without electricity, was an attempt to pressure the Serbs into reconnecting Sarajevo's electricity. On Christmas Day, the Serb authorities switched off power on the one remaining line.

Another line had been knocked out by Serb shelling last week. The Serbs have refused the United Nations permission to repair that line or any other. The power cut has once again brought life in the besieged capital to a snail's pace. Telephones, electric heaters, lights and water pumps have all been affected.

Negotiations organised by the UN focused on restoring electricity to all areas. Contacts also included an appeal by the commander of the UN troops in Bosnia, General Francis Briquemont of Belgium, who renewed his request for the Christmas truce that was to have started on December 23.

In Sarajevo, as well as the rest of the republic, there were no signs the plea had been heeded. Serb troops kept up their heavy shelling of Bosnian army positions throughout Sunday night and all yesterday in the Bosnian capital. On several sides of the city, government troops clashed with rebel Serb forces.

On Sunday, fierce infantry and artillery exchanges erupted along the front line of Grbavica. The district is controlled by Serb forces and juts into the centre of the city.

From the Holiday Inn, journalists watched one of the heaviest infantry battles in

months. Shrapnel from artillery shells, landing on Bosnian positions, knocked out windows in the hotel while the blasts rocked the building, causing journalists and relief workers to flee from the unprotected dining room.

Fighting also centred on Zuc hill, north of the city. By midafternoon 37 wounded and six dead had been brought to the main hospitals, most of them soldiers.

Siege makes weddings popular but courtship proves dangerous

FROM JOEL BRAND IN SARAJEVO

Weddings have become surprisingly popular in Sarajevo since the siege began. "All the hardships are easier when you divide them by two," explained Zumerta Kozljak, 20, who married a 23-year-old professional football goalkeeper in July.

Of her ten closest friends, all but the one already married when the war began 20 months ago have taken husbands. Zumerta lived in New Sarajevo and he in the Old Town, at opposite ends of the city. Without fuel in the city for cars or buses, one of them had to walk the four treacherous miles, each way, to the other's home.

"At home I would worry a great deal about him whenever there was shelling. And then I decided we should marry so we could live through all this together." Zumerta says that she, like many of her friends who had thought of marriage as a part of their distant future, have married because of their experiences during the war.

The couple met in its first month, after her previous boyfriend, a Serb, joined his ethnic brethren laying siege to the city. Now she says she would be "extremely uncomfortable" to have married a Serb. "Now it seems something very strange, something forbidden," Zumerta says of inter-ethnic marriage.

Her husband, a non-religious Muslim like herself, is a soldier in the Bosnian army. She explains that none of her friends, married during the war, has taken a spouse of a different race, although "in peacetime it was completely different".

There are still some inter-ethnic marriages in Sarajevo. Two young graphic designers in their mid-twenties married almost a year ago. Her parents are Croats and his father is Muslim and his mother is half-Serb and half-Jewish.

They, like many Sarajevans, would blanch at the suggestion they marry within their "ethnic group". "What?. We are Bosnian, of course," Bojan says, slapping me on the back.

Marriage remains one of the very few occasions left to celebrate in a city under siege for more than 600 days. Mensur, another friend here, married recently. Now aged 50, Mensur returned to Bosnia for a short trip just before the war and was trapped by the siege of Sarajevo. He left home at 19, dodging mandatory army service in the Yugoslav People's Army, and has lived in France, Germany and Canada. Just as the war started he met his future wife. After two months it made practical sense for them to move in together and after almost two years, they decided to marry. The ceremony, typical for Sarajevo, lasted ten minutes.

Friends and relatives pool together to make the wedding possible. One friend, now an army tailor, made Mensur's double-breasted dark blue suit. A neighbour lent his bride the wedding dress. Friend and relative pooled resources for the feast. There were two bottles of aged brandy, scavenged from an uncle. Thinly sliced beef came from a neighbour.

An automobile battery was brought from one of the cars and a tape was switched on. There was music, loud talk and feasting well into the afternoon. Sounds of war were drowned out by the festivities. "You must do as the Bosnians do," Mesur said with a smile, "Eat!"

NEWS IN BRIEF

Race clash erupts on Durban beach

Johannesburg: Michael Lipschitz, the mayor of Durban, South Africa's biggest holiday centre, said that double the number of police will be deployed on the beaches next weekend to prevent similar racial clashes to those that occurred on Boxing Day (Ray Kennedy writes).

At North Beach, trouble broke out after a group of black youths snatched a camera from around the neck of a white man. He produced a gun and opened fire, missing them but hitting a 10-year-old black girl in the leg.

Several police and other people were hurt by flying bottles. Police fired warning shots into the air and tear-gas to break up the crowd.

Castro 'relents'

Havana: The Rev Jesse Jackson, the American civil rights activist, said that President Castro of Cuba had said his 16-year-old granddaughter, Alina Maria Revuelta, was free to join her mother in the United States if the rest of her family agrees. *(Reuter)*

Marcos plea

Manila: Lawyers for Imelda Marcos, widow of the former President, have asked a court to let her visit China for treatment for a potentially fatal heart ailment. Marcos, 64, is on bail pending appeal against an 18-year jail sentence for corruption. *(Reuter)*

Author's loss

New York: Toni Morrison, winner of this year's Nobel prize for literature, says she has lost all her manuscripts, from her earliest writings, in a five-hour fire that destroyed her colonial-style home on the Hudson river. *(AP)*

Rice hijacked

Manila: Seven armed communist rebels hijacked a lorry-load of rice at gunpoint, forced the driver to drive to "Smokey Mountain", a rubbish dump where thousands of Filipinos live, and distributed the supplies to poor families. *(AP)*

Guitarist ill

Lisbon: Carlos Paredes, the world's foremost virtuoso of the Portuguese guitar, has been taken to hospital suffering from a degenerative spinal disease that could leave him paralysed from the waist down. He is 68. *(AP)*

True danger

Paris: Shimon Peres, the Israeli Foreign Minister, told *Le Monde*: "A cultural invasion and cable television is more dangerous to our identity than the intifada." *(AFP)*

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Priest breaks confessional rule to reveal sins of the Mafia

FROM PHILIP WILLAN IN ROME

A ROMAN Catholic priest from Palermo has caused a storm of controversy by announcing at Christmas midnight Mass that he had just heard the confession of a member of the Mafia who participated in some of the organisation's bloodiest bomb attacks.

Father Paolo Turturro told the congregation in the Church of Santa Lucia, near Palermo's forbidding Ucciardone prison, that a 22-year-old man had told him in tears that he had taken part in a number of Mafia ambushes, including one in May 1992, in which Judge Giovanni Falcone lost his life.

Fr Turturro, who has police protection because of his anti-Mafia campaigning, has been questioned by Sicilian magistrates but refused to provide them with any details, citing the secret of the confessional.

A leading commentator on church affairs, Bishop Ersilio Tonini of Ravenna, said: "This is very grave and I hope he did it without realising what he was doing." He told Italian radio: "One should ask forgiveness in the name of the entire church for a gesture that is not becoming of a priest.

"This is not how a priest shows he is a true enemy of the Mafia. Nothing can justify the violation of the secret of the confessional."

Roman Catholic Church Canon (law) 983 states: "The sacramental seal is inviolable; therefore it is a crime for a confessor in any way to betray a penitent by word or in any other manner or for any reason."

Italian media commentators have been almost unanimous in condemning the priest's revelation. The Milan *daily Corriere della Sera* said in a front-page editorial yesterday that Fr Turturro should have remained silent "because what he has said, certainly with the best of intentions, is already a partial violation of the secret of the confessional".

The Turin daily *La Stampa* called on Fr Turturro to resign. "He has already spoken: he might as well tell the rest and resign. We would all benefit, the state, the Church and justice."

Falcone: killed last year in ambush by Mafia

Turturro: would not give details of confession

Canon law specifies that the seal of confession is inviolable. "It is not permissible for the confessor to betray the penitent, even only in part, through words or in any other way and for whatever reason," Church law states. Deliberate violation of the secrecy is punished by excommunication.

Fr Turturro has also found little support among his colleagues within the Church. "What was the need to say all this?" asked Father Michele Simone of the Jesuit weekly *Civiltà Cattolica*. "Unless it was intended as a message to reveal the identity of the guilty person, in which case it would be an extremely grave violation of secrecy."

The Pope attacked the Cosa Nostra when he visited Sicily last June. A number of priests such as Fr Turturro have been in the vanguard of a movement to free the island from the clutches of organised crime, often risking their own lives.

The sacrament of confession has been increasingly neglected by the faithful in the Roman Catholic Church and the Vatican reacted angrily last year when an Italian journalist published a book in which he collected a series of taped confessions on the subject of corruption and the response he received from priests around the country. According to Monsignor Mario Canciani, the confessor of former Prime Minister Giulio Andreotti, a politician who was accused of having links with the Mafia, a sinner is only obliged to give himself up to the police if he has committed a crime for which an innocent person is in prison. Canon law leaves it to the discretion of the individual priest to provide "salutory and appropriate" forms of penance.

□ **Arezzo:** Assets worth 16.5 billion lire (£6.6 million) were ordered yesterday by a judge in Arezzo, Tuscany, to be seized from the former grandmaster of the banned Italian Propaganda Due masonic lodge, Licio Gelli.

Investigators alleged that Gelli tried to hide funds in complicated cross-border transactions.

The P2 lodge, a secret society of top politicians, businessmen and military officers, was exposed in 1981. The ensuing scandal brought down the Christian Democrat-led government.

Gelli was arrested in Switzerland in 1983 when he was alleged to be trying to withdraw tens of millions of dollars from an account used by South American subsidiaries of the failed Banco Ambrosiano.

He was extradited to Italy four years later to answer reduced charges of slander and false representation in the 1982 collapse of the Banco Ambrosiano. He was sentenced last year to 18 years in prison for his part in the bank failure but is free pending an appeal. *(Reuter)*

French Socialists battle to remove slush fund taint

FROM SEAN MAC CARTHAIGH IN PARIS

THIERRY Jean-Pierre, a right-wing investigating magistrate based in Le Mans, who spent two years probing allegations that the Socialists used an elaborate system of false bills for public works to build up an election slush-fund, was last month put in charge of a new unit to track money laundered by organised crime. As a parting gesture, he apparently leaked sections of his final report to the weekly magazine *Le Point*.

It alleges that, before he became President in 1981, François Mitterrand received cash payments totalling 239,000 francs (about £24,000) from a businessman friend, Roger-Patrice Pelat. From 1981 onwards, according to *Le Point*, President Mitterrand's son, Gilbert, received similar payments, totalling more than double this amount by the time M Pelat died in 1989.

The high-flying M Pelat was himself investigated for insider trading, and is known to have given an interest-free loan of a million francs to the then Finance Minister, Pierre Bérégovoy. M Bérégovoy, who President Mitterrand eventually appointed Prime Minister, shot himself last May after losing the election.

M Mitterrand, through an Elysée Palace official, has denied any wrongdoing: the payments were for services he carried out as a lawyer for Vibrachoc, a company owned by M Pelat, and pre-dated his election. The spokesperson made no reference to the money received by Gilbert Mitterrand. Both the Pelat and the Bérégovoy families insist the loan was repaid, mainly in antiques.

Few French analysts believe that the amounts of money in question would have made significant contributions to election campaigns by the Socialists, but, even if proved unfounded, they contribute to a public perception that the party was corrupt and should not be trusted with power. This impression will be strengthened if any formal charges are brought against Gilbert Mitterrand.

This year's general elections saw the party dismissed from office, its representation cut from 282 to 67 in the National Assembly. The first sign that Michel Rocard, the former Prime Minister, and his party were ready to come out of their shell again came just this month, when Edouard Balladur's right-wing government agreed to pay more public money to support private, mostly Roman Catholic, schools. The Socialists condemned the move with a vigour unseen for many years, pointing out that lay state education is considered one of the pillars of French republicanism.

M Rocard needs this sort of issue to rebuild his profile, and he intends using next March's local elections and the June European elections as markers. Between now and the presidential contest, which must take place at the latest by May 1995, he will try to distance himself from the sordid dealings of the past. With unfinished legal investigations continuing, this may prove difficult.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Race clash erupts on Durban beach

Johannesburg: Michael Lipschitz, the mayor of Durban, South Africa's biggest holiday centre, said that double the number of police will be deployed on the beaches next weekend to prevent similar racial clashes to those that occurred on Boxing Day (Reuter)

At North Beach, trouble began after a group of black youths snatched a camera from a white man. He produced a gun and fired, missing them but hitting a 10-year-old white girl in the leg.

Several police and other people were injured by flying bricks and stones as fighting erupted between warring groups and beat-up the crowd

Castro 'relents'

Havana: The Rev Jesse Jackson, the American civil rights leader, said that President Castro had said his detained granddaughter, Ana Maria Rodriguez, was not a prisoner in the country and the rest of the family

Marcos plea

Manila:

Author's loss

New York:

Rice hijacked

Guitarist ill

True danger

Socialists vote to remove Mitterrand taint

Fog aids the muddled Russian anti-terrorist forces to foil kidnappers

Luck runs out for gang who plotted perfect crime

Anne McElvoy describes how an attempt by gunmen to extract a $10 million ransom from the Kremlin, by taking child hostages, almost succeeded

FOUR masked gunmen, whose near-perfect kidnap and ransom went awry when bad weather scuppered their minutely plotted timetable, were arrested yesterday in the southern autonomous republic of Dagestan after a nocturnal chase and gun battle with anti-terrorist forces.

The hijackers, three Central Asians and a Russian air navigator, had secured a $10 million (£6.8 million) ransom from the Russian government after taking hostage a group of children and adults in Rostov-on-Don last Thursday. They had taken some of them on board an explosives-packed helicopter, in which they said they intended to escape to Iran, via Dagestan and Azerbaijan. But while Moscow's Foreign Ministry pursued intensive negotiations with Tehran to prevent their escape, and crack troops prepared to mount an attack on the craft at the airport in Makhachkala, the Dagestani capital, the men were pursuing their real aim: to land in the darkened outskirts of the city and flee with their ransom.

> "They have not made a mistake. They even brought a machine to check the ransom money for forgery"

For five days the men managed to outwit the combined efforts of the Spetsnaz anti-terrorist troops, the Committee for State Emergency, the army helicopter task force and the Security Ministry, which despite being officially dissolved by President Yeltsin last week was still deemed to be the only organisation able to co-ordinate such an operation.

Officers from the elite anti-terror brigade are now nursing badly bruised pride. They told *Izvestia* yesterday that they had been caught off-guard by the use of a helicopter by the hijackers. "We were only trained to seize aeroplanes," a team member said.

Mr Yeltsin thanked the police and security forces for their work and said that the "hour of trial" had shown the best qualities of the Russian people, "who have never been indifferent to the grief of others". The President will be particularly relieved that the hijacking ended without bloodshed at the end of a trying political year.

With all the children and a captive bus driver gradually released as their demands for money, fuel, safe passage and supplies were met, the gunmen ordered their final captives, two military pilots, to fly the Soviet-era Mi8 to a Makhachkala suburb. They broke their radio link to delay information on their whereabouts and made off into the night, having first thrown heavy bundles of notes out of the aircraft over Chechenia.

The authorities, however, were shadowing the flight in radar-equipped helicopters and all routes from the city were blocked by Dagestan interior forces and a special task force. Troops moved in shortly after the kidnappers had fled and found the helicopter pilots unharmed. Three hours later they discovered two of the men hiding nearby; the other pair were arrested at dawn.

The gang members were identified as Arsan Kasimov, a Kirghiz resident in Azerbaijan who has a substantial criminal record; Anatoli Mikhayev, an air navigator who was dismissed from the armed forces for drunkenness; Abdulgafar Abduzhamov, a fifth-year mechanics student at Uzbekistan's Tashkent University; and Marat Kauzekov, a Kazakh student at Tashkent's architectural institute. One of the men claimed he needed the money for Aids treatment.

The hijack began when the men stormed a secondary school in central Rostov, taking hostage seven pupils, mainly girls, and a female teacher. Valentina Fedoseyevna, the headmistress, said that the children thought that the attack was a new year's joke by their civil defence instructor. "But when the terrorists fired three rounds into the ceiling they knew it was for real," she said. The gang headed for Mineralniye Vody, a ski resort in southern Russia, where they received their ransom, paid out by the Central Bank. Seven children and their female teacher were then released on Friday and Saturday. As mothers wept at the airport, the freed teenagers said that their captors had been polite and told them not to worry. "They played cards with us," said 16-year-old Yevgeni Mizuyev.

The kidnappers issued a constant stream of demands for vodka, cigarettes and even a Polaroid camera, so that they could furnish their prisoners with souvenir photographs of their ordeal. By Saturday afternoon they had pared their hostages down to the two pilots, two schoolboys and a bus driver, and allowed Valentina Petrenko, the chief government negotiator, on board.

"They have not made a single mistake," a glum member of the State Emergency Committee told Russian television. "They have even brought a machine to check the ransom money for forgery."

But the attempt to take off for Makhachkala on Saturday foundered due to thick fog. As the weather worsened throughout Sunday, the gunmen's nerves became frayed. They believed that the warnings from air traffic control that take-off was unsafe due to poor visibility and low cloud was a delaying tactic to spring a trap. Threatening to shoot if prevented from leaving, they released the teenage boys and the bus driver, and embarked on their last flight.

Commonwealth television yesterday showed pictures of the unshaven men, dejectedly slumped in a shabby police station in their bullet-proof jackets. Most of the money has been recovered, bringing to an end an exploit whose exhilarating mixture of terror and farce that has kept Russians glued to their television sets since last week.

"Those late-night crime films won't be able to match this one for drama," said one Moscow housewife. Once the hostages were free, she admitted, she had harboured the guilty hope that Russia's equivalent of the Great Train Robbers might just get away with it.

Andrei Sehaterin, 14, is hugged by Valentina Petrenko, the negotiator, after his release

The leader of the gunmen after he was captured

Another abductor arrested by Russian authorities

Part of the $10 million ransom, after most was retrieved

NEWS IN BRIEF

Security chief rebukes Yeltsin

Moscow: Nikolai Golushko, head of the Security Ministry, the former KGB security police dissolved by President Yeltsin last week, has criticised the decision.

Mr Golushko said the Security Ministry could lose about 30 per cent of its officers when it is transformed into a counter-intelligence service. "At least after the October events I would not have made such abrupt movements," he said, referring to the revolt that Mr Yeltsin crushed.

Mr Yeltsin had criticised the ministry for its lack of action. "I do not denounce the President, I obey him. But I am talking about the personal feelings of honest officers," Mr Golushko said. *(Reuter)*

Germany helps Aids victims

Bonn: Germans infected with the virus that causes Aids during blood transfusions will be paid damages from January. Horst Seehofer, the Health Minister, said those who have not yet developed full-blown Aids will get DM1,000 (£393) each for every month since they received contaminated blood; while those with Aids would be given DM2,000 a month. *(AFP)*

Trains targeted

Paris: Sniper fire and stones injured three passengers on two suburban trains, rail authorities said. Police travelled on the Pontoise to Paris lines after the attacks, which occurred as the trains travelled through a ring of the poorer suburbs. *(AP)*

36 die in crash

Moscow: A Russian cargo plane crashed on landing at Giumri in western Armenia, killing 36 people. The Antonov 26 from Krasnodar, in southern Russia, bungled its approach because of thick fog and came down in a river close to the airport. *(AFP)*

Royalist hope

Bucharest: Romanian cultural leaders have launched a campaign to persuade the authorities to restore the citizenship and nationality of exiled King Michael, which were withdrawn in 1948 by the country's former Communist rulers. *(Reuter)*

Nappy rash

Paris: After facing pollution threats from shipwrecked firework detonators and pesticides, people on the Brittany coast near St Brieuc are bracing themselves for a tidal wave of nappies. A cargo of them has been lost at sea. *(Reuter)*

Republicans pray for Clinton disasters as they clean up their act

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

TWO portraits of George Bush still dominate the foyer of the Republican Party's headquarters just south of the Capitol. This is curious, because up in his plush fourth-floor office Haley Barbour, the party chairman, seems eager to banish the memory of the last President.

The lesson of Mr Bush's shattering defeat, he said, is that "the Republicans have to stand for something. A lot of people in '92 didn't feel they even knew what we were asking them to vote for. In 1988 people thought they were voting for the party of smaller government, lower taxes and fewer regulations but they felt taxes went up, spending went up and regulation increased."

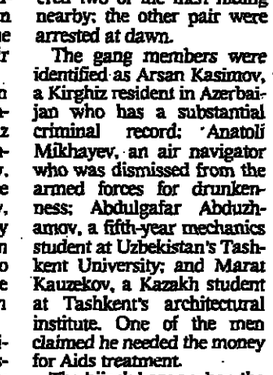
Mr Barbour, an affable Mississippi man who makes diphthongs of even the shortest vowels, really wanted to talk about 1993. "We've had a great year, we really have," he declared even before he had settled his ample body into an armchair.

The party's widely predicted post-election bloodbath never transpired. It papered over last year's deep rifts on such emotive issues as abortion. Instead it was united by President Clinton's support for homosexuals in the military, record tax increases and de facto racial quotas within his Administration.

The Republicans snatched from the Democrats Senate seats in Georgia and Texas, the governorships of Virginia and New Jersey, the mayoralties of Los Angeles and New York, 21 seats in state legislative by-elections as well as the lieutenant-governorship of the President's native Arkansas.

All this was before Mr Clinton's alleged extra-marital activities again became a national talking point. Morale, fund-raising and recruitment soared. Small wonder Mr Barbour's Christmas card read: "Republicans have had a happy holiday all year long."

Mr Barbour professes high hopes for 1994 when a third of the Senate and all the House seats are up for re-election. Historically, the opposition party always makes gains in the mid-term congressional elections of a new presidency, and this time the Democrats must defend 21 of the 34 Senate seats and 34 of the 56 most vulnerable House districts.



Barbour: "We have had a really great year"

Mr Barbour said it was even possible that the Republicans, led by Oliver North in Virginia, could win the seven extra seats required to take control of the Senate, but at that point his mask of unshakable optimism slipped momentarily. "If we had had these elections last month we *would* have won the seven."

It is not just that two Republican senators, Kay Bailey Hutchison of Texas and Oregon's Bob Packwood, have encountered legal troubles that could cost them their seats. As Mr Barbour well knows, the Republicans' success this year was largely due to Mr Clinton's disastrous first few months in office.

But the President has learnt fast and since the summer his ratings have risen to 58 per cent — 15 points above his election vote. Mr Barbour argued that the elections would be dominated by taxes and crime, both traditionally Republican issues, but a resurgent economy may well negate the first while Mr Clinton has elevated crime to the top of his agenda with demands for gun controls. A poll in *The Washington Post* last week showed 49 per cent approval of Mr Clinton's performance on crime, a rise of 10 per cent in a month.

Mr Barbour cited health care as the third big issue that should help his party's candidates, but that, too, is questionable. Republicans agree only that Mr Clinton's plan would create a huge new federal bureaucracy and cripple small business.

Mr Barbour was confident that a new agenda would emerge. Losing the White House had advantages, he argued. It was "like getting the yoke off your back".

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US trend-watchers usher in lesbians and Lorena Bobbitt

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

What do Prozac, lesbianism, Shaikh Omar Abdel Rahman, the Internet and Beavis and Butthead have in common?

The anti-depressant, the sexual tendency, the accused Muslim terrorist, the world-wide computer network and MTV's illiterate adolescent cartoon characters have all been officially declared in vogue in America.

Using New Year as a convenient excuse, newspapers and magazines take stock of the past 12 months with their own, often tongue-in-cheek, lists of who is in and who is out. The winners range from the predictable — such as *Time* magazine's four Men of the Year: Yassir Arafat, Yitzhak Rabin, Nelson Mandela and F.W. de Klerk — to the relatively obscure, such as Shaquille O'Neal, who is expected to become the hero of the national basketball league with the retirement of superstar Michael Jordan.

The losers are equally diverse, but there is rare unanimity on the fact that Michael Jackson is the biggest loser of them all. The pop singer, almost certainly the world's most famous human, began the year surrounded by children entertaining tens of millions of television viewers during half-time in American football's Superbowl. He ended it with an emotional denial of child abuse allegations on live television to those very same viewers.

If Michael Jackson notwithstanding, America is still feeling good about itself as the New Year approaches, it may well be because of Prozac. The anti-depressant, probably the most popular drug since Valium hit the mass market in the 1970s, was credited in the last year with creating "a legal drug culture".

Lesbians had a particularly good year, if we are to believe the fashion pundits. *New York* magazine and *Newsweek* both ran cover stories on women who had come out of the closet; the word "lug" ("lesbian until graduation") entered the lexicon, and lesbian characters appeared on several popular soap operas. *Rolling Stone*, the rock music magazine, summed it up: "Hot Subculture: You're in if you're out."

Shaikh Abdel Rahman, now awaiting trial in Manhattan for allegedly plotting to unleash a "Day of Terror" in New York, had enough "radical shaikh" for the arbiters of style. But the man described by *Esquire* magazine as "the Ayatollah Khomeini wannabe of the year" had some strange bedfellows among those nominated as "in" in 1993. The blind Muslim cleric made *People* magazine's list of "the 25 most intriguing people of 1993" alongside the likes of Bill and Hillary Clinton, the Princess of Wales, and Lorena Bobbitt, who cut off her husband's penis.

Howard Stern, the foul-mouthed radio talk show host who is soon to have his own television show, found his way into the "in" column of almost everyone's list, justifying his frequent claim that he is "the king of all media" in 1993.

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Why do so many girls and women feel the powerful urge to diet?

The thin end of the wedge

Toy manufacturers and fashion designers have fostered the obsession with thinness. Dr Tom Sanders and Peter Bazalgette continue their look at dieting dangers

What are the influences in society that cause millions of perfectly healthy teenagers — particularly girls — to decide that they need to "go on a diet"? How did the cult of thinness start?

Perhaps the most surreptitious "thin" influence comes from the tobacco industry. It is true that smokers tend to be slimmer. Smoking can reduce appetite and sully the taste buds by dulling pleasurable food flavours. Nicotine is also a stimulant that can help burn calories. But smokers are also more likely to die of lung cancer and heart disease. Plump people aren't. In fact, on average, cigarette smokers live 15 years fewer than non-smokers.

Rubens painted plump curvaceous women, considered in their time to be very sexy. The Victorians were also proud to be plump, favouring women of a similar shape and accentuating natural female traits such as large hips. But since the 1920s, thin has been in. It would be futile to enter into a chicken-and-egg debate about whether the fashion industry originally created this trend or merely followed it. What is undeniably true is that fashion designers on both sides of the Atlantic since the 1960s have created the cult of the super-thin model.

From Twiggy in the 1960s to Kate Moss in the 1990s, the boyish, breastless and small-bottomed top models seem anything but feminine. To help achieve this, girls of 14 or 15 years of age have sometimes been used on shoots. And thus it has become desirable — and literally fashionable — to be thin. Most models are size 10-12. The average size for British women is 16. Why should some parts of the fashion industry want, in effect, to desex women?

Some observers of the fashion industry point to the influence of gay designers, whose clothes and models reflect what they find attractive. They have encouraged, if not created, a new aesthetic for women: the slim androgyne. But the aesthetics of all designers apparently dictate that clothes look better on a tall, thin body. Fashion, says the fashion writer Lowri Turner, is about ideals. Beauty is about exclusivity. So models cannot look like the majority.

The way the fashion industry operates also promulgates an unrealistic super-thin feminine ideal. Fashion photography for magazines is usually carried out months before the clothes actually reach the high street. So "samples" are specially run up. These are always made in a small size, 10 or 12.

Even when newspapers publish fashion features about clothes already available, they invariably pick sizes 10 or 12 as the examples. Indeed, larger clothes (inaccurately called "outsize" when they are only size 16) are often badly made because larger women can suffer from such low self-esteem that they spend little

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on, and expect little from, such clothes.

When we saw an exercise video in the high-street stores — *Dance! Workout with Barbie* — it set us thinking. On the cover it shows the familiar, stick-insect figure of Barbie doing a dance exercise. In the video it claims the exercise programmes are for children over five. Exercise videos are rather like diet books, presented by slim women with an air of fanaticism, all done in the name of the perfect figure. But what effect can such activities have on pre-pubescent girls? What sort of a role model do fashion dolls represent?

We have analysed three of the most popular dolls given to young girls at the moment. There is hardly a family in Britain that has not bought either a Sindy, a Barbie or a Little Mermaid. We first measured their height, hips, waist and bust (see table below). We then took these measurements and worked out what sort of body they would represent for a women of average height — 5ft 4in (see second table). The first column below shows what the vital statistics are for a normal healthy woman of this height.

These statistics, not vital in any sense, reveal that the toy industry is doing just the same as the fashion industry: presenting a bizarre and distorted feminine ideal — though at least the toy manufacturers are doing it to plastic dolls rather than to real people. The dolls all have tiny hips by comparison with real women, tiny waists, much smaller busts and exaggerated inside leg measurements. We can only guess the effect this propaganda has on small girls. But it puts the emergence of nine-year-old anorectics into perspective.

With pressures on our children from all around them to be thin, it means that parents should now be extremely careful what they say in the home. How many mothers have audible conversations about what sort of figure their young daughters are going to have? Will her thighs slim down? Will her bottom be too big? Such apparently innocent remarks, on top of everything else, could end up being dangerous.

Indeed, the following statistics tell an alarming story. A 1983 survey published by the Department of Health found that about 5 per cent of 14-year-olds were trying to lose weight. A similar figure of 6 per cent for 15 to 18-year-old girls was reported as long ago as 1985. Disturbing recent research by Jane Thomas at King's College, London, reveals that among 12 and 13-year-olds 22 per cent of boys and 39 per cent of girls want to lose weight and that 8 per cent and 16 per cent respectively were currently changing their diet to lose weight. As obesity is rare among this age group, most of these children don't need to lose weight.

This trend was confirmed when Salwa El-Jabche at King's College investigated

> 'Hundreds of thousands of young people are now dieting who do not need to'

children who had been attending slimming clubs. Obesity is normally defined as being more than 20 per cent of the standard weight for height — it is a technical measurement of those who are overweight. She found that 32 per cent of girls aged 12 to 16 years attending slimming clubs were not obese and some of the children who were going to slimming clubs were not overweight at all. Children and young people of this age do not belong in slimming clubs anyway.

Obesity is not only rare among children; few teenagers experience it either. The third table below (from a Government survey carried out in 1991) shows that obesity is more prevalent with increasing age.

Why is the vogue for slimming increasing among schoolchildren? We have looked at the pressure from the fashion industry and the strange stereotypes sold by the toy manufacturers. Dr Rose Dawson, who runs a centre for children with eating disorders, says that many of the children she sees also have mothers who are fanatical about diet and fitness.

Hundreds of thousands of young people are now dieting who do not need to. The prevalence of eating disorders and people who are seriously underweight has now emerged as a major health problem. About 15 per cent of young women are now underweight. In schools, as elsewhere, the diet obsession has taken hold.

Until recently, anorexia was the disorder which received all the publicity. But, in fact, bulimia is now much more common, and millions suffer from milder eating disorders such as bingeing or other unhealthy eating patterns caused by dieting.

We tend to think of eating disorders as extreme conditions which only afflict other people. But answer these questions:

- Do you frequently go on diets?
- How often do you tell other people: "I *mustn't*, I'm on a diet"
- Do you often count calories?
- Does your weight fluctuate regularly — losing a stone on a diet, then putting it on again and so on?
- Do you ever have eating binges — like consuming five Mars bars at one sitting?
- Do you often prepare one meal for family or friends and a totally different one for yourself?
- Do you often eat separately and secretly from the rest of your family or friends?
- Have you ever turned down an invitation because you couldn't face dealing with the food?
- Do you find you are obsessed with food all day long?
- Do you ever feel nervous, anxious or guilty about what you eat?

Many people reading this book will have answered yes to some or all of those questions. And, while we are not suggesting that they need hospital treatment, it is a fact that anyone "on a diet" is losing touch with their body's natural instinct for food.

This is indeed a form of eating disorder, if a mild one. We have already written about

> 'We learn to regard food as forbidden fruit and to deny our natural feelings of hunger'

how the cycle of dieting and bingeing (putting on weight, dieting again and so on) is very bad for our bodies. But it is also bad for our minds. We learn to regard food as forbidden fruit, to feel guilty and to deny our natural feelings of hunger. Then, in compensation, we binge and eat huge amounts of food that bear no relation to our hunger or our body's need. This is not normal and may result from some unhappiness in our lives. But it is also a disorder that the diet industry is responsible for aiding and abetting.

There are two conditions named above — anorexia and bulimia. But it would be a mistake to regard them as two slightly different manifestations of the same problem. Dr Janet Treasure is Senior Lecturer in Eating Disorders at the Maudsley Hospital in London. She says that bulimia is massively on the increase and is ten times more common than anorexia. She points to two studies that have now proved bulimia is an illness caused by dieting. Anorexia, on the other hand, is much rarer and its causes are more difficult to tie down. So what is bulimia?

Bulimia nervosa means "eating like an ox through nervousness". Anorectics often become bulimics. Bulimia is chiefly associated with:

- bingeing on large amounts of food, particularly "forbidden" foods such as biscuits, cakes, chocolate, nuts and crisps
- subsequent remorse
- doing anything to combat the excess calories from the bingeing sessions, including starvation, self-induced vomiting, compulsive exercise and excessive use of laxatives (as many as a hundred a day)
- acute sensitivity to weight-change and body shape.

Some long-term bulimics do not need to put two fingers down their throat to vomit — they can vomit at will. Unlike anorectics, sufferers do not tend to be underweight. They control their body weight by compulsive over-eating and then purging. Some of the symptoms are similar to anorexia but there are specific health problems:

- constant vomiting causes mineral deficiencies in the body, particularly potassium and sodium
- stomach acid passing through the mouth dissolves tooth enamel and causes advanced tooth decay
- puffy face caused by swollen salivary glands
- irregular heartbeats
- muscle weakness
- kidney damage
- stomach rupture
- dehydration
- epileptic fits
- laxative abuse can lead to persistent stomach pains and long-term constipation.

Bulimia has been estimated to affect as many as 100,000 women aged between 15 and 45. Bulimics tend to be older than anorectics — typically women in their early to middle twenties who were overweight as children. It is particularly common among career women and it is on the increase. Male bulimia is also rising.

An edited extract from You Don't Have to Diet *by Dr Tom Sanders and Peter Bazalgette, to be published next week by Bantam (£5.99). All rights reserved.*

ALAN WELLER

Barbie doll: her workout videos encourage the very young to start seeking "perfect" figures

DOLLS' CHANCES ARE SLIM

Vital statistics of fashionable dolls

	Barbie (cm)	Sindy (cm)	Little Mermaid (cm)
Height	28	28.0	23.5
Hips	12	12.0	8
Waist	7	7.0	6.8
Bust	12	12.5	10.5

THE TELL-TALE FIGURES

How the statistics of dolls and women compare

	Normal 5'4" women (ins)	Barbie (ins)	Sindy (ins)	Little Mermaid (ins)
Hips	38	27.5	27.5	21.7
Waist	26	16.0	16.0	18.5
Bust	34/36	27.0	28.5	28.5
Inside leg	28/30	32.0	32.0	(Bent leg — not measured)

WEIGHT IS AN AGE PROBLEM

How becoming fat increases with years

Age	16-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74
	% who are obese					
Men	5	8	15	17	19	14
Women	6	12	12	22	25	19

TOMORROW

Weigh of all flesh: those pernicious pills, potions and magic cures that will never help you to lose body fat

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Aberlour Hogmanay Quiz

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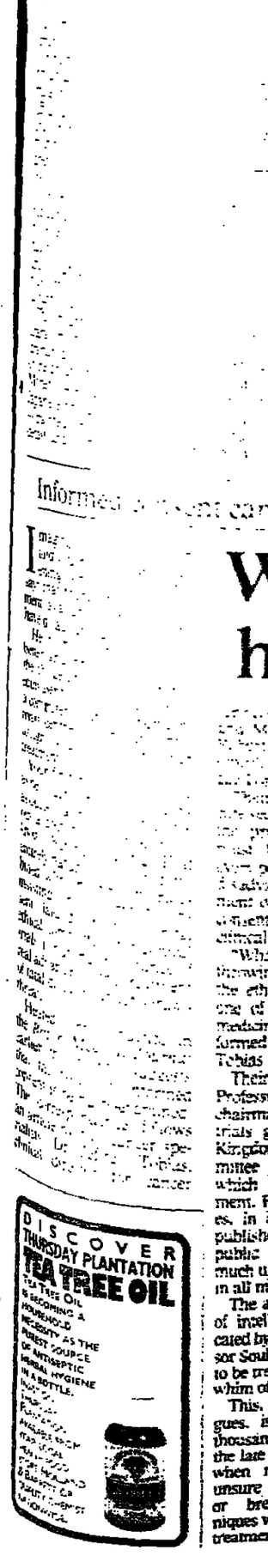
QUESTIONS

11. Where did Mary Queen of Scots last sleep in Scotland, before leaving for France from Solway in 1568?
12. Which saint made a sign of the cross to save a servant from an attack by Nessie, the Loch Ness monster?
13. When was Aberlour distillery founded?
14. As well as English, many languages have been used in Scotland throughout history. Name three
15. Where are the ancient headquarters of the Campbells?
16. Who did Robert the Bruce murder in 1306, in order to be crowned King of the Scots and Robert I?
17. How old was James II when he was crowned and anointed?
18. Name Scotland's most celebrated Victorian missionary and explorer.
19. Who was "the uncrowned King of Scotland"?
20. Which member of the current Royal family was born at Glamis Castle?



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NEWS IN BRIEF

Seven hurt in City gas blast

At least seven people, including one woman, were injured in a gas explosion near a fast food restaurant in the City of London yesterday police said. All are expected to leave hospital after treatment.

The blast at Duke's Place near Liverpool Street Station happened just before 9am in the basement of an empty seven-storey office block next to a McDonald's restaurant.

Paramedics suffered shock and several customers at the restaurant were believed to have minor injuries. The basement and ground floor of the office block were badly damaged.

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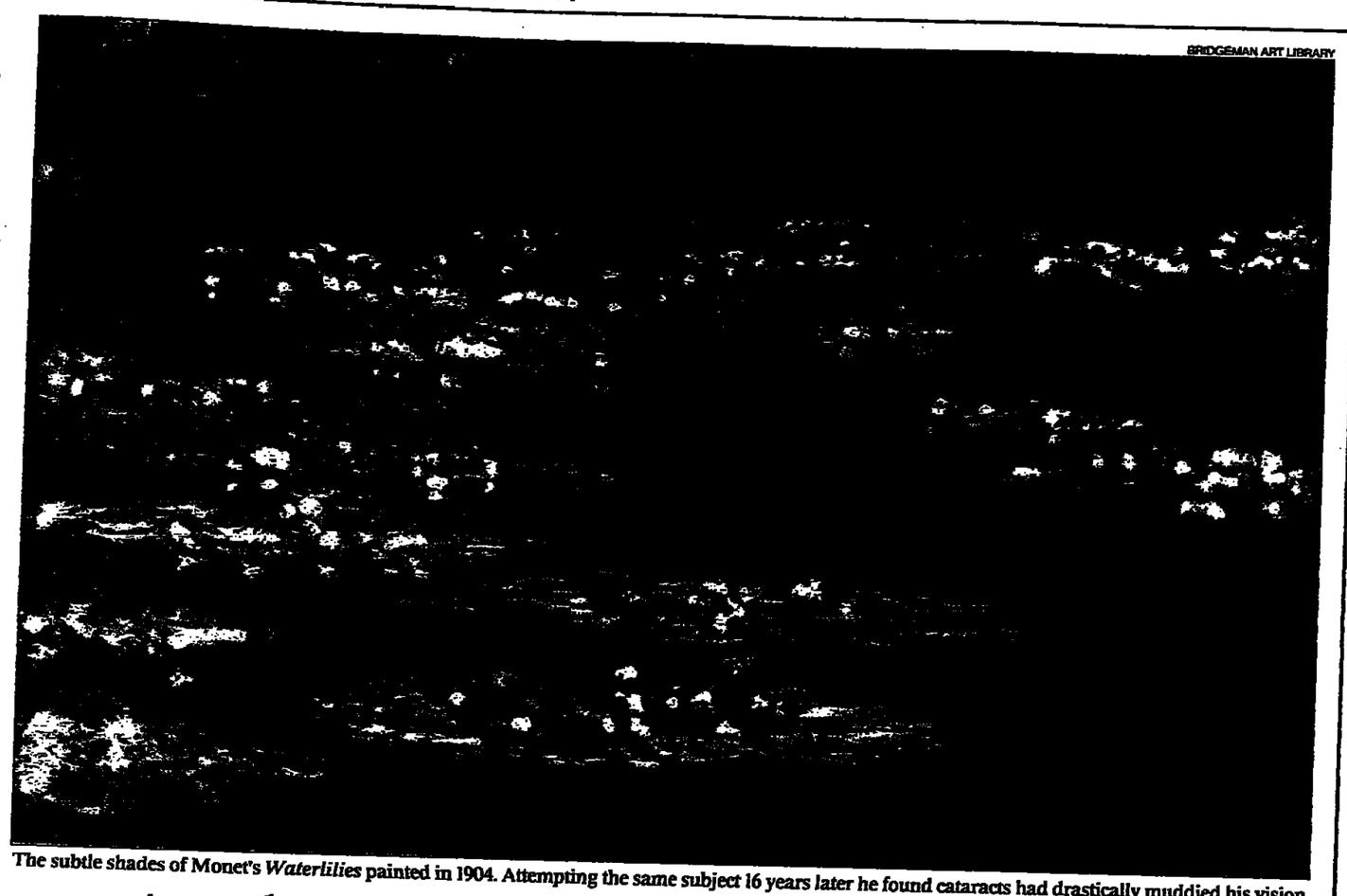

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The subtle shades of Monet's *Waterlilies* painted in 1904. Attempting the same subject 16 years later he found cataracts had drastically muddied his vision

A dazzling impression

The commonest of all eye operations can have far-reaching effects on the patient's perception of the colour spectrum, writes **Dr James Le Fanu**

"Take off that bandage, nurse, and let's find out what he can see." boomed the voice of the senior surgeon at Moorfield's Eye Hospital, London. "I can remember that moment to this day," recalled the patient, Dr A.E. Clark-Kennedy, a distinguished physician from the nearby London Hospital who, a few days earlier, had had a cataract removed from his left eye.

"The first thing that struck me was the face and particularly the colours of the pretty girl who took the bandage off. The second was the almost dazzling whiteness of the registrar's white coat. Third, it was the brilliant blue of the surgeon's suit — and I always thought he dressed so discreetly. And then I realised the appalling vulgarity of my multi-coloured striped pyjamas."

Dr Clark-Kennedy's initial reaction was very typical. The most striking impact of the operation is of being overwhelmed by the sense of colour. But not just any colour. The yellow cataract makes the world seem dirty but also cuts off light at the blue end of the spectrum — and over the years the retina tries to adapt by increasing its sensitivity to blues and greens. So when the cataract is removed, the world appears clean and blue.

"On the drive home, the countryside had gained a brilliance I did not know it possessed," Dr Clark-Kennedy wrote. "I had no idea the sky was so blue or the grass so green. All the roads now looked blue. Smoke looked a lovely blue, as did distant clouds."

This blurring of visual acuity and alteration in the perception of colour is dramatically illustrated in the paintings of the great French impressionist Claude Monet (1840-1926). The same subject — the Japanese bridge in his garden at Giverny — painted first at the age of 60 is full of detail and subtle shades, but ten years later the colours are confused, and the shape of the bridge itself is scarcely discernible.

Writing in 1918, Monet observed: "I no longer perceive colours with the same intensity. Reds appear muddy to me, pinks insipid. What I paint is more and more dark, and when I compare it to my former works, I am seized by a frantic rage and slash at my canvases with a penknife."

He was reduced to reading the labels on his tubes of paint to distinguish the colours and maintained a regular order of colours on his palette to avoid mistakes. A French critic at the time commented: "Monet's coloured symphony becomes increasingly monochromatic."

Monet's visual problems reached a climax in 1920 when he was persuaded by the French Prime Minister, Georges Clemenceau, to paint a series of the waterlily pond at Giverny as a gift to the nation. He soon realised that he could not successfully complete the project: "I was no longer capable of making something of beauty," he wrote. But Clemenceau urged him to seek the help of a Paris ophthalmologist, Charles Coutela, who advised an operation.

By modern standards, cataract surgery was still very primitive. The eye was anaesthetised with cocaine, the knife went in at the margin of the iris and the lens with its cataract was scooped out. In skilled hands, the technique took five seconds.

To ensure adequate healing of the wound, the patient then lay immobilised for ten days with bandages over the eyes. Monet's stepson later described this post-surgical ordeal: "Lying flat in bed, without even a pillow, sandbags were placed on either side of the head to ensure it did not move. A guardian watched over him at night to converse with him, so he did not succumb to psychosis from lack of contact with the outside world."

With his visual acuity restored, Monet was now afflicted with a problem of colour perception. "I now see blue," he wrote. "I no longer see red or yellow. This annoys me terribly, because I know these colours exist. I know that on my palette there is some red, some yellow and a certain violet. It's filthy, it's dispiriting, I see nothing but blue."

And indeed in the period immediately following his operation Monet's paintings are very blue. One, of his house at Giverny, contrasts very sharply with almost the same picture painted a year previously which is full of reds and yellows.

To restore an appropriate sense of colour, Monet was advised to wear glasses with a yellow/green tint that would partially simulate the colour interference of his yellow cataracts, but would at least mitigate the "filthy blueness" which now overwhelmed his perception of the world.

This seemed to work: a year before his death he was able to write to Dr Coutela: "I'm very happy to inform you that finally I have recovered my true vision. In brief, I'm seeing everything again and working with ardour."

Almost 30 years after Monet's operation, the modern era of cataract surgery was inaugurated by Harold Ridley, an ophthalmic surgeon at St Thomas'. During the Second World War he had observed that penetrating glass injuries to the eye sustained by fighter pilots elicited virtually no inflammatory reaction. Why not, he speculated, remove the dirty yellow lens and replace it with a plastic implant, thus obviating the need to wear spectacles or contact lenses.

Cataract extraction with an intraocular implant is now much the commonest of all eye operations — over a million are performed every year in America alone. It takes longer — 50 minutes rather than five seconds — but thanks to micro-surgical stitches the patient can usually return home the same day. Bandaging the eye is no longer necessary.

Still, for those with a heightened artistic sensitivity to colour, it is advisable to have a pair of tinted yellow glasses to tone down the overwhelming blueness of their newfound world.

Older mothers may find the going rather tough

Is having twins at 59 too late?

NOT many women of nearly 60 expect to exchange power dressing for maternity clothes, and the boardroom for the labour ward. At an age when most pensioners might think it more fitting to emulate Miss Marple in a secluded retirement, an unnamed 59-year-old woman has outraged many doctors and lay people by giving birth to twins.

The children will not be identical, for two donated ova had been fertilised, before implantation, by two sperm. There is no concern for the physical health of the twins who are the product of the fertilisation of a 25-year-old Italian donor's ova by the sperm of the woman's 45-year-old husband.

Doctors are, however, expressing doubts as to whether a woman of this age has the patience to care for a baby and about the style, and even the amount, of affection that she may be able to display later.

Many 60-year-olds are not too good at playing bears on the nursery floor, and septuagenarians don't always make the best companions for 11-year-olds when playing football on the lawn, or war games on the common.

By the time the twins are teenage students their mother will have entered the age of emotional detachment, and may find it hard to identify with their problems.

According to reports, the anonymous businesswoman decided to have children because she felt that her maternal instincts were unsatisfied, and that her life had been incomplete. The strength of these maternal instincts has to be judged in the light of the knowledge that they were not in evidence for her childbearing years.

Time alone will show whether the reality of motherhood will measure up to its expectations: twins are not easy for they owe almost as great an emotional allegiance to each other as to their parents. Some parents therefore find them unrewarding.

Nor will these children be genetically linked to their mother and she may find that at 80 when confronted by normal adolescent rebellion and potential parental rejection, that it is not, as usual, kept in check by the thought shared by both parents and children that they are linked by an indissoluble union.

For generations doctors have believed that the factor limiting pregnancies in older women, who are still ovulating, was increasing degenerative changes in the uterus. Within the past 15 years it has been shown that it is not an aging womb which limits the ease with which women conceive, but the state of her eggs (the ova).

The ova, which have been present since birth in a woman's ovary, start to decline in quality long before the menopause and the end of ovulation.

Modern medicine has demonstrated that a shrivelled old uterus in a post-menopausal woman can be rejuvenated by the correct hormones, oestrogen and progesterone, so that it becomes as thick and welcoming to any fertilised egg as that of a 25-year-old.

It now therefore needs a gynaecologist to find a younger woman prepared to donate her shiny, youthful eggs for *in vitro* fertilisation for it to be possible for an aging woman to have a test tube baby.

The post-menopausal woman may also need supplementary doses of human chorionic gonadotrophin — a pituitary hormone — after implantation of, usually three, eggs. These doses will tide her over until the placenta is able to produce the same hormones which would be produced naturally by a younger woman during her pregnancy.

DR THOMAS STUTTAFORD

Twin pregnancies always carry additional risks, mainly those associated with the actual delivery and prematurity. The over-expanded maternal uterus often goes into labour early, and thereafter labours less effectively, than in a normal single pregnancy. In mothers of twins the blood pressure, particularly if the woman is older, is more likely to rise to abnormal levels with consequent damage to the placenta and a reduction of the oxygen supply to a developing baby, a loss which can be crucial at the end of pregnancy, or during the rigours of delivery.

THIRTY-SIX weeks would be the optimum time for delivery for the unnamed woman, and indeed she and her doctors have done well to preserve this pregnancy for so long. The babies would have been well developed, and by delivering by Caesarean section would have been spared the mechanical hazards of a vaginal delivery as well as the final three weeks of a pregnancy when placental insufficiency and oxygen deprivation would have been a real possibility.

One benefit to society which may stem from this case is the publicity which was given to ova donation. Ova are desperately needed for younger women who have had a premature menopause, or who suffer from such diseases as Turner's syndrome, a hereditary chromosomal abnormality which results in, among other problems, absent ovaries.

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Informed consent can hinder medical progress, says **Aileen Ballantyne**

When doctors have to guess

Imagine you have just been told you have a life-threatening illness. The doctor says that there are two treatments available, both of which have disadvantages.

He is not sure which is better and proposes to leave the choice of to the electronic equivalent of tossing a coin — a computer at an independent trials centre which randomly assigns you to one or other treatment.

Your first reaction is likely to be to get out of his surgery as quickly as possible and seek out a doctor who appears to know what he is doing. That entirely natural reaction, combined with the present rules insisting on "informed consent" laid down by hospital ethical committees for clinical trials, is putting the chance of real advances in the treatment of fatal diseases under serious threat.

Heated correspondence in the *British Medical Journal* earlier this month suggests that the issue of informed consent is being re-examined. The correspondence follows an article by two cancer specialists, Dr Jeffrey Tobias, clinical director for cancer services at University College and Middlesex Hospital, and Robert Souhami, Professor of Oncology at University College London Medical School.

Their article does not advocate secret trials, but questions the principle that a patient must be fully informed of every possible risk, benefit and disadvantage of a new treatment option before he or she consents to take part in a clinical trial.

"What we are doing is throwing down the gauntlet to the ethicists and challenging one of the "sacred cows" of medicine: the principle of informed consent," said Dr Tobias.

Their position is backed by Professor Michael Baum, chairman of the breast cancer trials group for the United Kingdom Co-ordinating Committee on Cancer Research, which advises the government. Professor Baum stresses, in a letter shortly to be published by the *BMJ*, that the public must recognise how much uncertainty is contained in all medical treatment.

The alternative to the form of intellectual honesty advocated by Dr Tobias and Professor Souhami, he says, is for us to be treated "according to the whim of the general surgeon".

This, Professor Baum argues, is what happened to thousands of women during the late 1970s and early 1980s when medical science was unsure whether mastectomy or breast-conserving techniques were the better form of treatment. During that time,

Dr Tobias: gauntlet

Dr Tobias, Professor Baum and others tried to mount a large trial with randomly allocated treatment involving 2,000 women, to find out which was better. But the rule of fully informed consent meant that they had to be told that, on the one hand, there was a chance they might lose a breast unnecessarily, and, on the other, if breast-conserving techniques were employed, that they might lose their life unnecessarily.

After three years only 150 women had agreed to take part and the doctors had to abandon the trial. The thousands of women outside the trial, who developed breast cancer during that period when opinion was divided on the relative merits of the two treatments, were "kept in the dark", Professor Baum says, and "treated by mastectomy or breast-conserving techniques according to the whim of the general surgeon".

Today, lumpectomy and radiotherapy are known to be as effective as mastectomy for most forms of breast cancer. But, as Professor Souhami points out, that knowledge was only gained as a result of a trial involving 2,000 women in America, in which women were randomly allocated to one or other form of treatment. The issue of fully informed consent, in this case, he believes, may have been "fudged".

The benefits of lumpectomies versus mastectomies for breast cancer may have been largely settled, but medicine is still riddled with more uncertainties and doubts than most of us realise. The conventional treatment for advanced cervical cancer, for example, is radiotherapy. The addition of chemotherapy can shrink cervical tumours in up to 70 per cent of patients, but experience with other cancers suggests that tumour shrinkage may not result in improved cure or survival rates.

The only way to find out which treatment is better would be randomly to allocate two groups of women with cervical cancer to each treatment, then follow their progress.

As with the mastectomy versus lumpectomy study, recruitment is proving a problem. "Already, in Britain, there are signs that doctors are adding chemotherapy to the treatment without knowing whether it is better or not," said Dr Tobias.

"That is not the way medicine should be practised. But unless the public face up to the fact that medical treatment will never advance without randomised clinical trials, we may find ourselves over-treating or under-treating lethal forms of cancer without ever knowing which treatments will save more lives."

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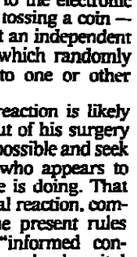

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Lynne Truss

■ Thanks heavens for friends. I use their best stuff and they don't get all twisted about it

Alas, I am perplexed again. A few weeks ago, a writer chum phoned up to ask for some help with a difficult ethical question, so naturally I pulled a straight face immediately, rested my fingertips lightly together (tricky when holding a receiver) and suggested she proceed. A friend had left an expensive winter coat in her flat, by mistake, she explained, then flown abroad for six weeks. "I see," I said, nodding thoughtfully; "And so? What?"

My chum's question was this: if I were in her position, *would I wear the coat?*

I was so shocked by the very idea that I instantly abandoned my rational objective Michael Ignatieff impersonation. "No," I said flatly. "No, I would not." "Why?" she asked.

Well, I said, first I would be worried about the safety of the coat, you know, down the shops, bloke on a ladder, tin of paint, Norman Wisdom, ha ha ha. Second, I would be almost suicidally flummoxed in company if anyone remarked: "Nice coat, where's it from?" But really and honestly, I wouldn't wear it because it wasn't mine.

Now my friend was much taken with this tin-of-paint idea. When she rang other people for further ethical and practical viewpoints, she found that the irrational Fear of Paint not only entered other people's neurotic purview, but could easily be brought to dominate it.

But what she didn't find, apparently, was anyone else who said, "No I wouldn't wear it because it isn't mine". So she wore the coat, recklessly defied the malign god of magnolia gloss, and eventually decided to write a piece for *The Guardian* about the whole damn thing.

And my point (at last) is this. She told me she was writing an article in which I would — nameless, of course — appear. She read me her description of my response, and told me precisely when the piece would be published.

Such careful, respectful and scrupulous behaviour put me to shame. Because when it comes to other people's anecdotes — other people's "stuff" which might come in handy to illustrate a point in a column or a story — I rip it straight off the hanger without asking, shout "Yes! This will do nicely!", and publish it in a newspaper. Which is the exact equivalent of wearing it to the open day at the Jackson Pollock Primal Hurl Art Therapy Group for Particularly Messy Serial Killers.

Luckily, my friends are more broad-minded than me. I parade their best stuff in public and they don't get all twisted about it. The Polish poet Czeslaw Milosz once said that when a writer is born into a family, the family is finished. Equally, when a columnist has bosom friends, they find that they no longer have a *thing* to call their own.

Every anecdote they utter goes directly into the writer's mental dressing-up box, and though any single item may not re-emerge for a decade, it will undoubtedly turn up again one day — albeit crumpled, stained, mildewed, or laced with holes — to the owner's muffled astonished cry of, "But surely that was *mine* originally, wasn't it?"

It is no extenuation whatever to claim (as I do, frequently) that so long as I attribute stories to "a friend"; so long as I don't tell the story *against* the originator — well, then it's all perfectly OK. In her Great Left-Behind Coat Ethics Research, my friend encountered precisely such casuistical chicanery, and I poured scorn on all of it.

For instance, perhaps it would be a different ethical kettle of fish if the item were not a coat but a frock? Or if the owner were the sort of person who suffers from amnesia? Or if you only allowed yourself to wear the coat outdoors on National No Decorating Day? Bah, I retorted; the matter is simple. If it doesn't belong to you, leave it in a cupboard. The rest is sophistry.

And so here I am, writing about my friend's article about borrowing things without asking. And did I ask her? Of course I didn't.

"Yes! This will do nicely!" I yelled excitedly, as I tried it on for size, did a quick twirl, and hacked a few inches off the sleeves with the bread-knife. Such a gigantic fuss about nothing! As the great Nobel Prize winner Czeslaw Milosz might have remarked, if they didn't want me to wear it, they really shouldn't have left it lying about.

A natural birth or a supernatural event? **Dr Sandy MacAra** pleads for tolerance towards the older mother

Better a fit mother of 59 than an unfit one of 19

"Now Sarah and Abraham were old and well stricken in age... the Lord visited Sarah... Sarah conceived, and bare Abraham a son." (Genesis, Chapter 18, verse 11 and Chapter 21, verses 1 and 2.)

A natural birth or a supernatural event? A recent "natural" birth to a woman of 55 attracted widespread publicity. Now on Christmas Day a woman aged 59 delivers twins, conceived reportedly as a consequence of in vitro fertilisation (IVF) performed in Italy, and today, a woman of 64, also in Italy is reported to be pregnant. Any birth might surely be regarded as an essentially private domestic matter, although others might rejoice with a woman granted her dearest wish, especially on such an auspicious date.

Does the fact of the mother's age alone justify public interest? Does the additional factor of the assisted process of IVF somehow raise the threshold of legitimate concern, and if so why? Is not this mother and her family like any other not entitled to exercise their autonomy? Are they not entitled to their privacy and to freedom from intrusion by a prying press and pompous pontificators?

To set against the principles of autonomy and privacy there is a consideration of the paramountcy of the interests of the children, who did not choose to be born. It is natural — that word again — to envisage the "normal" family as headed by young parents, or at least with a young mother. What quality of life will a young child have with a mother in her sixties, it is asked. How will a woman in her seventies cope with normal adolescence? On the balance of possibilities, problems might indeed be expected.

Yet many older people do look after their grandchildren and other young people following the loss of parents by tragedy or the breakdown of a parental relationship and equip themselves well. Relative youth is no guarantee of parental function or competence, as repeated reports of abandoned and neglected children forcibly remind us.

Age is unarguably a factor in child rearing. But other qualities surely matter more: qualities like responsibility, stability, security, experience and most vital of all love and care? But epidemiologists will show that older parents have an increased risk of death or disability while the child is still dependent. However, prediction is an inexact science when applied to individuals. Better, it may be argued, a fit healthy 59-year-old than an unfit, unhealthy 19-year-old.

Two fundamental points need to be made. First, any decision about assisted birth, whatever the age of the woman, is primarily a matter for the patient — and by extension her close family — and her doctor. It must remain the patient's right to seek whatever help she wants. Likewise, the first responsibility of doctors is to the individual patient, by whom they are pledged to do their best and to whom they must strive to do no harm. The patient is not likely to distinguish between the medical and social considerations and implications of her quest.

The doctor will be guided principally by the patient's clinical need but will be wise to place the medical indications within the context of the patient's overall circumstances. The patient should be encouraged to consult other members of her family, close friends, spiritual advisers, anyone who can help.

When circumstances are unusual, the doctor might be expected to consult other experienced colleagues for advice. Ultimately, it is for patient and doctor separately to address their consciences and together to agree on the most appropriate course of action.

The second fundamental point concerns the circumstances in which society as a whole might legitimately take an interest and express a view. Where resources for treatment are severely limited, not everyone can be helped. Sadly, in the NHS, resources for IVF are so scarce that only a minority of patients who might benefit can be offered treatment.

In this situation, priority must clearly be given to those patients who meet two critical criteria: relative medical and clinical "need" and the likelihood of a satisfactory outcome. Well aware that in every such preferential choice for some, there is a sacrifice for others — as Kierkegaard reminds us — the doctor will consult wisely and agonise about his decision. No committee can help the patient or the doctor at this stage.

These two points beg a wider question. What priority should society give to problems of involuntary infertility? It is invariably argued by those who cannot conceive that there is a problem, because they themselves have no problem in conceiving, that there are already too many children in the world; that we would do better to look after them properly before adding to their number.

More compassionately, it is argued that IVF should be used only in the last resort when all other treatment has failed and that more attention should be given to preventing infertility in the first place. Amen to that, but there remains a significant number of despairing couples for whom there is no other hope of having the child they crave.

These atypical Christmas cases will serve us well if they draw attention to the plight of such couples.

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The necessity of bears

The beasts are not quite as cuddly as the Teddies of childhood affection, but who would deny them their place on earth?

Bernard Levin

Bears, now: you didn't expect me to be writing about bears, did you? Nor did I, to tell the truth, but I have just found a crumpled cutting about two students who were camping in the Yosemite National Park, in California, when a bear appeared, a black female 8 ft high, giving every sign of eating the two youths. Well, you wouldn't expect me not to take the opportunity of reciting *à propos*, would you?

When the Himalayan peasant meets
the be-bear in his pride,
He shouts to scare the monster,
who will often turn aside.
But the she-bear thus accosted rends
the peasant tooth and nail
For the female of the species is
more deadly than the male.

The two took refuge in an outdoor lavatory — it's a good thing that California is house-proud — and remained there all night, as the bear prowled around. At daybreak, the beastie decided that there would be no breakfast for her, and trotted off to look for easier fodder.

But there is more to a hungry bear than meets the eye, not to say the claws. To start with, the animal is immensely old: it was developing 25 million years ago ("Who hath measured the ground?"). It is inexorably declining, in the face of the noise and mess of civilisation, though slowly, and now that the world has become more careful not to accelerate the decline, it is in some areas almost thriving. Nor can bears be lumped together on the principle that when you have seen one bear you have seen them all; there is a huge variety of the furry fellows, from the familiar polar bear to the enchantingly named cinnamon bear, not forgetting the sloth bear, which is presumably the one that hangs upside down with a card on its back reading "Do not disturb". And then there is the grizzly bear, whose Buffon-form name alone strikes fear into the stoutest heart: Ursus horribilis.

If you meet one, you might pray for the sight of a lavatory, though it is unlikely that you would get to it in time: the bear — horribilis indeed — can run at 30 miles an hour, and I bet you can't. It is said by the experts that the bears usually try to avoid human beings, but the human beings would be wise to take the news with some care: not long ago, I saw on television a group of zoologists who were studying the polar bear, to which end they had encased themselves in cages with very stout bars: their comrades had retired to a safe distance, and those behind bars awaited whatever might occur.

The scene was as striking as it was alarming. As from nowhere, a bear appeared and shuffled towards what it presumably thought would be a refreshing meal, whereupon another appeared, and then a dozen or so, all walking around the intrepid figures in the cages. The programme finished before the obvious question could be asked: how did the encaged seekers out of knowledge get out of their cages without being eaten?

Grizzlies are the largest, as well as the fiercest, of bears. They can weigh more than 12 hundredweight and stand 9 ft high. They are solitary creatures; in the mating season the male is very solicitous, but when birth is finished, the partners go their separate ways.

It is strange that so fierce and even terrible a creature has been welcomed into the nursery: toy bears must be among the most cuddled of all soft toys. It is almost, though not quite, certain that the Teddy bear did get its name from President Theodore Roosevelt. (Which reminds me: the late Lady Diana Cooper once tried to convince me that "haberdasher", which is one of the oldest words in the language, with has no accepted etymology, came from German pedlars who settled in Britain selling things like pins and ribbons, their pavement cry making "haberdasher" a corruption of "Ich habe das hier!" I regret that I was not convinced.)

The horrible sport of bear-baiting has an appallingly long lineage. There are drawings of the entertainment from the 14th century. The word "beargarden", denoting some kind of uproar, comes from the sport. There, a chained bear (or bull) was attacked by savage dogs; there is a bloodcurdling extra in the practice of stuffing the pitiable animal's nose full of pepper. Gradually, the horrors of bear-baiting penetrated the coarseness of the time and, with the Puritans leading the abolitionists, the sport declined, though not before Macaulay made his famously cynical comment: "The Puritan hated bear-baiting, not because it gave pain to the bear, but because it gave pleasure to the spectators". Bear-baiting in Britain was finally outlawed by legislation in 1835.

There are bears in the Pyrenees; I take it that these are the nearest to us, for surely the Germans can now call only on boar. The number of the Pyrenees bears is small, and getting smaller; the experts say that they are too few to breed successfully, so that unless bears can be imported and coaxed into living and breeding, they will go the way of the dodo. Moreover, there is a furious battle over a new road through the Pyrénees. Conservationists argue that that would finish off the last of the bears, but the hard-headed Pyrenean peasant is fighting for the road, which will bring, or is at least expected to bring, a good deal of prosperity to the area. I have lost touch with the story; have the bears won, or the roadmakers?

We British are notorious suckers for any furry animal; we will merrily pick up a stoat or a mink and tickle it under the chin, which accounts, I believe, for the number of people in this country with only one ear or one eye. But not long ago, there was a bear story that truly touched any heart not made of granite.

In Turkey, the rules about the treatment of animals are carried out — how shall I put it? — somewhat less than rigidly, fiercely and passionately. Thus, when a troupe of dancing bears was seen, and seen being ill-treated by their owner, the British bystanders vowed to do something about it, and that something grew from a sad "Ah, poor things" to an enormous, and meticulously executed kidnap of the unfortunate beasts.

Nor could this be called meddling in other people's business; the horrible torture sustained by the animals — in particular, one bear called Black Cloud — should have been stopped long before. (The bear's handler was wont to beat the animal savagely with a pole, he dragged it literally by the nose, it was left chained in freezing rain, and its food was stale bread. Elsewhere, a row of eight dancing bears was chained almost permanently to a sea-wall. In Britain the owner of the animals would have been in prison in no time; indeed, only a few weeks ago, a man was sent to prison for hideously neglecting the seaside donkeys from which he made his money.)

The rescue project went off without a hitch, and the rescued animals have been sent to wildlife sanctuaries and similar homes. And Turkey has promised to enforce its own laws.

I have always liked the circus; I don't think I have ever taken sides in the argument over it, and nobody can tell me that the performing seals aren't enjoying themselves showing off. But at one point I jib, and that is when the bears themselves appear. My revulsion is caused not only by my suspicion that these animals have been beaten into compliance; I find it truly sickening to watch one of nature's noblest beasts dressed in frilly bloomers and riding bicycles.

The ecological fanatics, like any other fanatics, do their cause more harm than good. But you do not have to be a fanatic to think that it would be a pity if bears were to disappear entirely from the earth. True, two young men might demur — the two who started this story by having to spend the night hiding in a lavatory from an 8 ft bear. One of them particularly might demur rather more strongly, because he caught a blow from the beast, and when rescue came it was found that he needed 40 stitches. (Talk about a bear with a sore head.)

Everyone smiles at the famous stage direction in *The Winter's Tale*: "Exit, pursued by a bear." But nobody smiled at the bear in question when Peter Brook directed the play; a huge, savage creature faced us in the stalls, and we were more likely to shudder. Anyway, let Shakespeare have the last word:

Such tricks hath strong imagination,
That, if it would but apprehend some joy,
It comprehends some bringer of that joy;
Or in the night, imagining some fear,
How easy is a bush suppos'd a bear!

Peer pressure

AS THE Prince of Wales agonises about his future, fellow peers have broached a possible solution. They suggest that he should emulate a former Prince of Wales by using the Upper House as a platform for his crusades.

The Prince of Wales has so far spoken only twice. In 1974, he made his maiden speech during a debate on sport and leisure.

A year later, he spoke with some prescience on problems posed by bored youngsters. But the prospect of more regular appearances on the cross benches by His Royal Highness is gaining ground among their Lordships.

Lord Cledwyn of Penrhos, the veteran peer who has known the Prince for almost 30 years, says: "I have taken the view for some time that he might take advantage of some of the debates to express his own views. He would be very welcome by all sides."

Like King Edward VIII before he acceded to the throne, the Prince of Wales, could also, says Cledwyn, become involved in Lords committees. Of the present royal family, only the Duke of Gloucester speaks regularly. But Cledwyn insists: "Prince Charles would be made to feel at home very quickly."

Another to welcome a more active participation is the Tory hereditary peer, Lord Teviot. "It is high time he did speak again. He would be very welcome — even if he just turned up for lunch or dinner."

Belloc lettres

UNPUBLISHED lines from Hilaire Belloc — albeit rather rude — have come to light after the untimely death of the 3rd Viscount Wimborne at the age of 54.

The versatile Belloc, best remembered for his *Cautionary Tales* and *A Bad Child's Book of Beasts*, was Liberal MP for Salford before the First World War. At Westminster, he encountered fellow Liberal MP Ivor Guest, later to become the first Lord Wimborne, the victim of his verses.

The first reads:

We must assume the Lord knew best
When he created Ivor Guest.

The second, equally derogatory, reads:

Grant, O Lord, eternal rest
For Thy servant Ivor Guest.
Never mind the where or how
Only grant that it be now.

Quite why Belloc should have taken such a dislike is unclear. But A.N. Wilson, Belloc's biographer, believes they are genuine. "They sound completely authentic. He wrote lots of rude rhymes, some of which were fairly ob-

Hilaire Belloc: new find

scene and anti-Semitic and which we wouldn't find funny nowadays."

Sloping off

MICHAEL HOWARD has a lot to answer for. The 38th Anglo-Swiss parliamentary skiing trip has run into trouble because the Whips have ordered MPs to return by January 11 to vote on the Home Secretary's Criminal Justice Bill. And just as the parliamentarians entertained vague hopes of winning back from the Swiss the trophy for the parallel and giant slalom races.

Captained by Tom King, the former defence secretary, the British contingent set out for Davos on January 4. Their star this year is undoubtedly the merchant banker, the 7th Earl of Verulam. Meanwhile, stalwarts such as Lord Orr-Ewing, who at 81 recalls the days when skis were wooden, and Michael Ancram, are no snails on the slopes.

"We have had to juggle this because of the three-line whip on the 11th," admits treasurer Malcolm Moss. "We won in 1988, the first time for 13 years. But I don't know about this year. We can only hope."

Alberto Tomba eat your heart out.

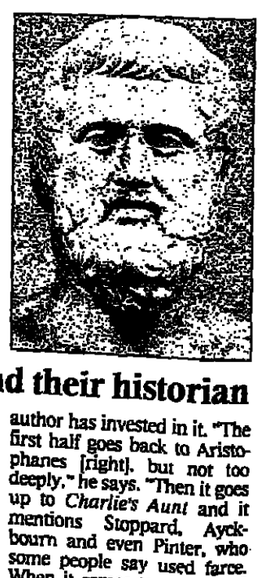
Bluff admissions

LORD Waddington, the bluff former Home Secretary now ensconced beneath a splendid plumed helmet as Governor of Bermuda, has been musing nostalgically on his days in Government. Like so many of his former Cabinet colleagues, the noble Lord cannot resist the temptation to put pen to paper. Unfortunately, he has not found a publisher. "I don't think they are good enough for publication," he modestly admits. "But, yes, I am writing my memoirs. When the spirit moves me, I try to do a bit of work on them."

If they ever see the light of day, they could reveal that Wadders was "flabbergasted" when asked to join the Thatcher Cabinet.

Publishers might fight heartily for trenchant views on his predecessor as Home Secretary, Kenneth Baker. But they fear that, judging by the Governor's tight-lipped response to Bermuda's hot story of the moment — about a police guard who prays naked on the steps of Government House — shock revelations will be few.

● *Was it simply coincidence that the Atherstone hunt made a courtesy call at the request of inhabitants to an old people's home owned by Leicestershire County Council yesterday? Horses and hounds gathered triumphantly in its car park at Orchard House, Market Bosworth, even though Leicestershire voted in September to ban hunting on its 10,000 acres.*



Farce masters find their historian

HAVING made a living from losing his trousers in public every night, Lord Rix (left) is putting his experiences to good use. Since leaving the troubled Arts Council drama panel in high dudgeon, the master of farce has been devoting himself to writing about his slapstick trade — with especial mention of his own exploits in the genre.

Rix was to have handed the first draft of his *History of Farce* to the publishers at the end of this month, but still has some way to go — perhaps because of the research that the author has invested in it. "The first half goes back to Aristophanes [right], but not too deeply," he says. "Then it goes up to *Charlie's Aunt* and it mentions Stoppard, Ayckbourn and even Pinter, who some people say used farce. When it comes to my turn, I write about myself but it's really about the others."

Rix now heads for Asia for a series of "platform performances" with his wife about his other work, *Tour de Farce*. "It's a good way of plugging the book. Better than those tedious literary lunches."

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CLINTON'S TROUBLES

Past dealings are casting a shadow over the White House

For the Clintons, trouble has not come singly this Christmas. The fresh allegations about Mr Clinton's philandering, which have grabbed the headlines and which he has conspicuously omitted to deny outright, are not in themselves crippling. The motives of the Arkansas state troopers are suspect; and none of the six women named has corroborated the claims. Even if proved, they would hardly rank with the record of Mr Clinton's hero, John F. Kennedy. And they would only add detail, admittedly somewhat lurid, to Mr Clinton's existing and part-admitted record as womaniser.

Coming after the Gennifer Flowers affair, these tales from Little Rock are still more than merely embarrassing. Even if, as he asserts, Mr Clinton made no attempt to buy their silence, he admits to trying to keep the troopers' story out of print. The public may again forgive him, as they did last year when he admitted "causing pain in my marriage"; but they will mark him as a man who seems incurably economical with the truth about his private life.

All this must be especially irritating for Mr Clinton, given the record of successes he can claim in his first year. They include the clinching of the two trade accords; a deficit-reduction package that, while flawed, is more credible than anything produced by three Republican administrations; and, at last, a law on gun control. Above all, whatever part luck may have had in it, Mr Clinton's pre-Christmas rise in the opinion polls confirms that he is taking much of the credit for a resurgent economy.

The presidency cannot yet be said to be imperilled. Yet the palpable nervousness in and around the White House is justified. The real problem is not sexual scandal. It is that other "old stories", as White House aides clumsily persist in calling them, are simultaneously taking on new life. Federal prosecutors are examining new dimensions to old questions about the Clintons' financial dealings, and their political and business connections with James McDougal, owner of Madison Guaranty, a small savings and loan company which collapsed in 1989 at a cost to the taxpayer of $60 million.

Again, nothing is proven. But Mr McDougal helped to cover Mr Clinton's personally acquired campaign debts in 1985; just when he needed (and got, with Mrs Clinton acting as one of the bank's attorneys) the permission of Arkansas state banking regulators for new ways to raise money for his already troubled bank. The bank's extra lease of life cost the public dear. To these questions must be added the continuing mystery surrounding the suicide last year of Vincent Foster, Hillary Clinton's close friend and law partner who joined the Little Rock band in the White House. The discovery that Clinton aides had spirited documents from Mr Foster's office concerning Whitewater, a company jointly owned by the Clintons and the McDougals which has become part of the federal investigation into Madison Guaranty, was made worse for the President by his evident reluctance to hand them over to the Justice Department. Federal investigators are looking into the possibility that it was one of a dozen shell companies through which deposits in Madison Guaranty were improperly channelled.

This revives another purported scandal from the campaign trail: and again, Mr Clinton is under growing pressure to make a fuller disclosure than was then made of Whitewater's accounts, and precise relationship to Madison Guaranty. The aide who scoffed that the Clintons' trainload of troubles would run into the buffers under the Christmas tree will almost certainly be proved wrong.

In this complicated web, the sums in question are small. About the 1985 campaign contributions, the truth may never be known, not least because campaign financial documents can be destroyed after five years under Arkansas law. The Clinton investment in Whitewater may, as they have always claimed, have been passive. Were Mr Clinton found to have confused private and public interest where Madison Guaranty was concerned, it would be a peculiarly American irony, since the nationwide S&L scandal of which this was a tiny part happened on the Republican watch. The President may yet see his way through — provided there is no trace of a "cover-up". The aura of Watergate hangs round the White House, and that is what he must act decisively to dispel.

OUR WOMAN IN BELGRADE

Serbia does itself no favours by muzzling the press

There have been many casualties of the terrible wars in the Balkans. In Bosnia, thousands have died as the West, to its shame, has stood by. Many more, not only in Bosnia, have lost their homes and their livelihoods. And Serbia has paid dear for its revanchist nationalism: its own economy has been reduced to chaos, with inflation at 500,000%. Another casualty, however, and one that has not been stressed enough, has been the freedom of the press and media, both in Croatia and in Serbia.

The Serbian Ministry of Information has recently refused to extend the accreditation of Dessa Trevisan, the correspondent in Belgrade of *The Times*. Rarely has a government acted less in its own interest. Mrs Trevisan, a British national of mixed Serb and Croat parentage, has covered matters Eastern European for *The Times* for three decades, always with distinction. She is a trenchant and knowledgeable observer of President Slobodan Milosevic's government, and is one of the few journalists working in former Yugoslavia with a profound understanding of the Serbian mind. She has all the qualifications — long experience of the country, fluency in the language, and journalistic integrity — that Serbs frequently complain are lacking in reporters new to the tangled threads of Balkan politics.

The pro-government newspaper, *Politika*, has accused her of "political tendentiousness", and of reporting events in a manner which ensured that Serbia had a bad press. There is no basis for these charges. Particularly inexcusable is its suggestion that Mrs Trevisan, whose family was forced to flee Zagreb when the Ustashi came to power in 1941, is biased towards Croatia. This latest action comes in the wake of previous incidents in which Mrs Trevisan has been harrassed, intimidated and, on one appalling occasion, shot at, narrowly escaping serious injury. Despite this, her commitment to the free and full reporting from former Yugoslavia has never wavered.

The international press assumes particular importance in a country where much of the media is heavily controlled. These restrictions, despite the efforts of many Serbian journalists to report as fully as they can, have added to doubts about the fairness of the recent elections. Radio-Television Serbia was purged of over 1,000 perceived opponents of Mr Milosevic in January.

The Serbian government is anxious that the sanctions imposed by the United Nations, sanctions prompted by its own violations of international law, should be lifted. It will hardly help its case by this gratuitous action. The world will only conclude that Serbia has a bad press because it has a repressive government. Serbia would be wise to rescind its decision to ban Mrs Trevisan from reporting on its affairs from Belgrade. Failure to do so will only confirm the pariah status from which Mr Milosevic is so anxious to emerge.

THREE FRENCH HENS

The Dordogne evokes images of hens clucking by a crumbling farmhouse, of grizzled patriarchs quaffing rough wine, and of girls in flowered aprons. On the third of our Twelve Days of Christmas, the old song conjures up the enduring, if misleading, idyll of *la France profonde*.

Every Parisian claims to have roots still in the luscious provinces, and subscribes to the myth of hearty peasants dispensing folk wisdom in pungent accents. But France's dozy villages are growing ever dozier. Indeed, many are now comatose. Few of the country's rural communities consist of more than 400 people, and many are declining. Before the war, half of France lived in the country; today the number is down to one fifth.

Rusticity, however, lives on in the Gallic spirit. The French have all lived, vicariously, for a year in Provence; they grow up on theevocations of Jean Giono, a twentieth century Thomas Hardy. But the real *paysans* are an endangered lot. Some 40,000 are in deep financial trouble, while the bulk of France's booming agricultural output is produced by agri-businessmen with giant holdings, grown fat on the Common Agricultural Policy.

Yet the *coq hardi* still crows defiantly. French cities are never allowed to forget their rural environs. With seasonal regularity, the farmers bring their tractors, their manure carts and their grievances to the city centres, blockading motorways and pelting police with their produce. Rural wrath explodes in regular outrages, usually directed at hapless foreign competitors. Lorryloads of sheep make an occasional modern hecatomb. Officialdom is cowed. Partly because constituency boundaries fail to reflect urbanisation, the image of the small family holding, the fount of French culture and identity, holds policians to ransom.

The myth also lives on in less aggressive ways. A year ago the Champs-Elysées was awash with waving corn, as Paris celebrated the nation's cornucopia. France honours its rural traditions with vigour, and the fad now is for country houses decorated in simplepeasant styles, while the preferred cuisine — in a nation succumbing rapidly to packaged fast-foods — is that of *grand-mère*.

So the gift of three French hens, however impractical in today's high-rise apartments in St Denis, would touch a French heart. No matter that most French literature is testimony to the suffocation of provincial life; the dream of the countryside lives on in the waking hours of the French city. And many a Briton, too, has dreamed, with Keats, of a draught of vintage, dance and Provençal song.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Detention of Jamaican visitors at Gatwick airport

From the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Home Office

Sir, Your editorial today, "Welcome to Gatwick", suggested that the attention paid to the charter flight from Jamaica which arrived at Gatwick last Tuesday was racially motivated and that people were treated as under collective suspicion rather than as individuals. This was not the case.

Normal procedure is for people to present themselves to an immigration officer who makes an intial assessment on an individual basis. The immigration officer may then decide to grant entry immediately or make further enquiries which may result in entry being granted at a later stage or, in a minority of cases, in entry being refused.

That principle of individual assessment was maintained by immigration officers who dealt with passengers arriving on the charter flight from Jamaica last week. No individual from the flight was detained without having first been assessed by an immigration officer.

What was different about the situation at Gatwick was that the individual initial assessment identified an unusually high number of cases where immigration officers were not satisfied that entry could be granted without further enquiries. The late arrival of the aircraft and a long delay in retrieving baggage because of an industrial dispute meant that there were substantial delays for everyone who arrived on the flight.

Immigration Service staff made every effort to deal with those people who had been identified as requiring further enquiries, but there were inevitable delays in resolving every case because of the numbers involved.

Your suggestion that there was a refusal by the airport authorities to share information with relatives and friends is unfounded. I understand that Gatwick Airport Ltd made regular announcements about the baggage delay.

The Immigration Service opened a telephone helpline at 11.55 am, barely 40 minutes after the first passenger was able to disembark, which dealt with 143 calls, and at 2.30 pm, once a comprehensive list of persons being held for further enquiries was available, a contact point on the arrivals concourse was opened where immigration staff gave information to friends and relatives.

It is misguided to make any connection between the Asylum and Immigration Appeals Act 1993 and the Gatwick charter flight. There have been no changes to the instructions to immigration officers about the criteria for visitor cases generally or Jamaican citizens in particular since the Act.

This flight was not one of the regular flights from Jamaica, which are dealt with practically every day of the week with little difficulty. Last year we welcomed 26,000 Jamaican citizens to the United Kingdom and refused entry to only 400. We have absolutely no wish to treat Jamaican citizens or anyone else harshly, but where a passenger does not qualify for entry then it is right to refuse it.

Yours faithfully,
CHARLES WARDLE,
Home Office,
Queen Anne's Gate, SW1.
December 27.

From Miss Louise Christian

Sir, Your leader rightly draws attention to the issue arising out of the mass detention and removal of Jamaicans visiting relations for Christmas. This is the removal by the new Asylum and Immigration Appeals Act 1993 of rights of appeal on the merits of the decision for those who seek to enter the UK as visitors.

But there is another very important issue, which is the prima facie evidence that the operation was planned to take place with maximum speed to prevent people exercising their only remaining right of legal challenge, by way of judicial review.

I am a solicitor who succeeded in preventing my client, Mr Peter Honegan, one of the detainees, being put on the specially chartered day flight, and secured his eventual release from custody. This was only after a protracted stalling exercise by senior immigration officials.

On Christmas Eve they misled me by stating that the flight would go two days later, even while they were attempting to arrange for it to go that evening. Only a bomb scare at Gatwick airport prevented this.

They then continually promised further reviews of my client's case. These never emerged, ensuring that in order to pursue the matter I had to work all through Christmas and eventually to bother a High Court judge, Mr Justice Clark, by making a telephone application for leave for judicial review on Christmas Day.

Mr Honegan was treated like a criminal and spent the whole of Christmas Eve night and Christmas Day being held incommunicado in a police station cell, not even allowed phone calls from his relatives. They were refused permission to take him in Christmas lunch.

Nor did it end at 4.45 pm, when the order restraining his removal was granted. Immigration officials were still "too busy" to consider granting him temporary release, and only changed their avowed intentions not to bother thinking about it until the next day, when I strongly protested. He was released at midnight on Christmas Day. Meanwhile, the Boeing 737 specially laid on for the others had finally left at 9.30 pm.

The new Asylum Act also brings in a dramatically speeded-up procedure for dealing with asylum applicants, and it is intended to detain far more of them. The cynical adoption of measures to avoid people's right to recourse to legal remedies is deeply disturbing.

Yours faithfully,
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December 27.

Derring-do ahead for polar waters

From Mr M. B. F. Ranken

Sir, The bid by Trevor Potts and his three companions to emulate Sir Ernest Shackleton's epic rescue voyage to South Georgia (report, December 18) is a timely reminder of Shackleton's great expedition of 1914-16 to attempt a crossing of Antarctica.

Shackleton's plans were frustrated at the outset, in January 1915, by the entrapment in pack ice, at 77°S 35°W, of his new, Norwegian-built steam sealer *Endurance* (not *Endeavour*, as stated in your report). In November, after drifting 570 nautical miles north, the *Endurance* was crushed and sank.

The 28-man crew then camped on the ice and drifted and dragged their three open boats some 250 miles to open water before sailing the last 100 miles to Elephant Island, in the South Orkneys, arriving the following April. Most of them had to subsist there until they were rescued on August 30, 25 months after leaving Millwall.

In the interim, Shackleton and five companions had completed a 16-day, 800-mile sail through storm and tempest in the whaler *James Caird* to the west coast of South Georgia. This was followed by a climb over 3,000ft mountains and glaciers to seek help at Stromness whaling station, which they reached on May 20. It is that astonishing voyage to South Georgia which Trevor Potts intends to repeat next year, in a near-replica of the *James Caird*.

Your earlier report (November 27) indicated that about January 19 Captain Alan Phillips expects to sail Britain's new ice patrol vessel, HMS *Endurance*, also Norwegian-built, close to the position where Shackleton's *Endurance* was trapped on the same date 79 years earlier — also probably the southernmost point so far penetrated by any HM Ship.

Sir Ernest's son, Lord Shackleton, was largely instrumental in persuading HMG to purchase today's fine ship, which is deployed annually in support of Britain's scientific and other Antarctic interests. He will be waiting to hear that ice conditions have allowed Captain Phillips to achieve his aim, and that Trevor Potts has also succeeded in completing his dangerous voyage a few weeks later.

The Shackleton family motto, "By endurance we conquer", together with a lot of luck, are equally essential to the success of any polar operation.

Yours faithfully,
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London's 'choke zone'

From Mr Andrew Pharoah

Sir, Margot Norman, in "Beware the choke zone" (December 21), raises some important points of concern to all who live in cities; but she is wrong to write off the impact that catalytic converters will make.

Research from the highly respected Warren Spring Laboratory has found that on average, a catalyst-equipped car reduces carbonmonoxide, hydrocarbons and oxides of nitrogen emissions by 76 per cent, 81 per cent and 77 per cent respectively over a typical journey of 2.5 miles. So, even with predicted traffic growth, we will see a gross reduction in harmful vehicle emissions.

London's transport problems are not a result of over-investment in roads but of under-investment in all transport. In fact, for every £1 the Government spends on roads in London it spends about £3 on public transport — which can hardly be described as a roads bias.

Yours faithfully,
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December 21.

Town hall review

From Sir John Banham, Chairman of the Local Government Commission for England

Sir, The town clerk and chief executive of Carlisle City Council (letter, December 21) has misunderstood my comments quoted (December 10) by your political reporter, Alice Thomson.

Over the past year a considerable amount of time and money has been spent by councils on the presentation of cases which were fundamentally flawed. In many instances, authorities have hired expensive consultants and lobbyists to produce glossy brochures and reports. It was to these aspects of presentation that I was particularly referring: it is the substance that matters, not the packaging.

The advice from the Local Government Commission for England represents the distillation of our experience to date and is intended to enable councils to focus on the key issues they must address. It was produced at the specific request of many authorities who, understandably, wished to minimise the time and effort they put into their representations to the commission.

The commission now expects local authorities to come forward with joint, realistic proposals for change to the existing structure in their area, or indeed to propose that no change should be made. The quality of the presentation as such is of secondary importance.

Yours faithfully,
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December 21.

Press and Parliament

From Mrs Virginia Taylor

Sir, Recent complaints about the decline in press reporting of Commons debates is of particular interest to me, as a direct descendant of John Wilkes. Wilkes did more than anyone to enshrine the principle of press freedom, including the right to publish parliamentary debates.

During the reign of King George III the publishing of debates was unlawful, although some papers took the risk. But the king, who disliked newspapers as a check on the power of government, declared: "It is highly necessary that this strange and lawless method of publishing debates in the papers should be put a stop to."

Wilkes disagreed. As an MP, he spent almost as much time in prison for his views on the liberty of the individual and the freedom of the press as he did on the floor of the House. In 1771 matters came to a head when Wilkes, by then also chief magistrate of the City of London, discharged two printers who had been arrested for publishing debates. The King and Parliament were furious but were anxious not to risk yet another confrontation with the public, who invariably took Wilkes's side.

"That devil Wilkes", as the king called him, had won and newspapers have been free to print parliamentary debates to this day.

What my ancestor would make of the current trend in newspapers to publish fewer reports of debates I cannot be sure. But having fought for the freedom to print, I suspect he would endorse, with regret, the equal freedom not to.

Yours sincerely,
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Durham divined

From the Reverend Canon W. D. Jones

Sir, Discussion on the strengths and weaknesses of the Bishop of Durham's theological views (letters, December 18, 21, 23, 24) would be greatly helped if commentators, like your own religion correspondent, refrained from imprecise application of the phrase "basic tenets of the Christian faith" (report, December 20).

One would be hard put to it to include among these such matters as the visit of the wise men or the unavailability of a room at an inn. Surely, whatever our views, the valuable, if disturbing, service Bishop Jenkins is providing is to challenge us to discern what is of the essence of Christian belief and to distinguish it from what is a powerful and valuable symbol, evocative of awe and wonder, but not of basic credal status.

Yours faithfully,
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Tetbury, Gloucestershire.
December 24.

From Mr Ernest F. Crosswell

Sir, Since the essence of faith is belief in something for which there is little or no evidence, Sir David Crouch's statement (letter, December 21) that Bishop Jenkins "has made us think about our religious faith" does not make any sense.

Yours faithfully,
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Royal reward

From Mr Ralph Blumenau

Sir, Mrs Jennifer Miller (letter, December 23) rightly says that the royal family have been ill rewarded for their service to the country.

We really could not be surprised if one day soon the entire family were to renounce the throne on the grounds that its continued existence now would appear to serve no function other than to feed the prurience, impertinence, and shameless intrusion of the aptly called rat pack of the press and, through them, of a corrupted public which is said to have an inexhaustible appetite for this sort of fare.

It seems that we do not deserve the many years of service given by Her Majesty the Queen or the long years of earnest preparation for the throne by the Prince of Wales.

Nor, surely, after what they have experienced, can the Prince and Princess of Wales wish that their children should already be exposed, and then for the rest of their lives, to the relentless and uncaring malice of the press.

Yours faithfully,
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December 23.

From Mr V. W. Goldberg

Sir, In your report (December 21) on Prince Edward and Sophie Rhys-Jones you mention both the price of her parents' home and the cost of the school she attended. Surely these facts are of interest only to her parents who, I presume, bought the house and paid her school fees. Or is there a suggestion that the price of the house in which her parents live and the cost of her schooling are yardsticks by which her suitability for Prince Edward ought to be judged?

Yours faithfully,
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Castle Bytham, Lincolnshire.
December 23.

Glue ear treatment

From Vice Admiral Sir Louis Le Bailly

Sir, Possibly as a result of war injury I have suffered three times from "glue ear" (letter, December 21; article, December 9). On the first two occasions the insertion of grommets through the eardrum did the trick. On the third, having been referred to a Harley Street ENT consultant, I was recommended a drug which, in the consultant's view and that of many of his colleagues, should be used for children in place of more expensive surgical intervention.

However, despite representations by the ENT fraternity, I understand that the Department of Health has continued to forbid the drug's inclusion on the approved list, although in my case, as apparently in most, it had proved successful.

Having ascertained from the makers that, after pleas from GPs, they were supplying this drug free for several thousand children I wrote on headed notepaper, with my style and title, to the then minister, Mr Kenneth Clarke, reiterating the advice I had had, recording the makers' action and commending this treatment for inclusion on the approved list as an NHS economy measure.

The answer I received was that if I was still under 18 and had had a tracheotomy the drug would be supplied.

Yours truly,
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St Tudy, Bodmin, Cornwall.
December 21.

Playground economics

From Mr Donald J. M. Maclennan

Sir, Daily, during term time, as I traverse our school's quadrangle, I am amazed at the number of copper coins scattered over its surface, seemingly abandoned. Having taught at the school for many years, I can attest this to be a fairly recent phenomenon. It is only this year that I began to notice the little brown circles reflecting the sun's rays.

Using the school secretary's pink nail varnish, we recently marked several abandoned coins. Six days on, we found all exactly in situ, but, more alarmingly, the overall cache had swollen. It seems nothing can persuade our pupils to lift them, even if only to examine them.

Our head of physics, who is of retirement age and a champion of traditional values, reminded us of the days of the penny caramel and the "tuppenny rush" (children's Saturday cinema). He extolled the strength of the British economy in past days, saying it was copper-bottomed in more than one sense.

It seems that the story of these copper coins says as much about sterling as the Chancellor of the Exchequer said in his autumn Budget.

Yours faithfully,
DONALD J. M. MACLENNAN,
6 Burns Avenue,
Bishopton, Renfrewshire.
December 24.

Back to basics?

From Mr Maurice Crump

Sir, A week in hospital brought a bill seven feet long. Are there no lengths to which modern technology will not go?

Yours etc,
MAURICE CRUMP,
46 (2) Elm Park Road, SW3.
December 24.

SOCIAL NEWS

Birthdays today

Air Commodore Molly Allott, former director, WRAF, 75; Mr Terry Butcher, footballer, 35; Mr W.A. Camps, former master, Pembroke College, Cambridge, 83; Mr D.B. Carr, cricketer, 67; Major Madeleine Craggs, secretary, Imperial Cancer Research Fund, 48; Sir Andrew Maitland-Makgill-Crichton, former vice-chairman, Port of London Authority, 83; Mr T.W. Gould, VC, 79; Mr Max Hastings, editor-in-chief, *The Daily Telegraph*, 48; Mr Roy Hattersley, MP, 61; Professor F.P. Kelly, statistician, 43; Mr Nigel Kennedy, violinist, 37; Mr Martin Llowarch, chairman, Transport Development Group, 58; Mr Michael Marland, educationist, 59; Mrs Frances Morrell, educationist, 56; Sir Patrick O'Connor, former Lord Justice of Appeal, 79; Mr Simon Raven, author and dramatist, 66; Professor E.J. Richards, aeronautical engineer, 79; Mrs Joan Ruddock, MP, 50; Dame Maggie Smith, actress, 59; Mr Denzel Washington, actor, 39; the Right Rev W.J. Westwood, Bishop of Peterborough, 68; the Hon Geoffrey Wilson, chairman, Delta Group, 64; the Marquess of Zetland, 56.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Alexander Keith Johnston, geographer, Penicuik, 1804; Samuel Phillips, journalist, 1814; Thomas Woodrow Wilson, 28th American President 1913-21, Staunton, Virginia, 1856; Pio Baroja y Nessi, novelist, San Sebastian, Spain, 1872; Sir Arthur Eddington, astronomer, Kendal, Cumbria, 1882.

DEATHS: St Francis de Sales, doctor of the church, 1622; Queen Mary II, reigned with King William III 1689-94, London, 1694; Pierre Bayle, philosopher, 1706; Thomas Babington Macaulay, 1st Baron Macaulay, poet, historian and statesman, London, 1859; George Gissing, novelist, St-Jean de Luz, France, 1903; Maurice Ravel, composer, Paris, 1937; Theodore Dreiser, novelist, Hollywood, 1945; Victor Emmanuel, King of Italy 1900-46, Egypt, 1947; Jack Lovelock, surgeon, Olympic 1500m gold medallist 1936, killed in an accident, New York, 1949; Paul Hindemith, composer, Frankfurst am Main, 1963.

The Tay Bridge disaster, 1879. The Peak District was designated Britains first national park, 1950.

CHRIS BACON

Constable Martin Page of Grampian police in north Scotland wears a Russian-style hat on the ski slopes. The force has bought 50 synthetic fur hats for use in some of Britain's coldest and most exposed places. Officers working at ski resorts have long found that standard Scottish police caps give little protection against the cold

Archaeology

Caesar got it right about the Britons

By Norman Hammond, Archaeology Correspondent

JULIUS Caesar was right: ancient Britons *did* paint themselves with woad. The identification of remains of the blue dye plant at a late pre-Roman site has countered suggestions that Caesar was misinformed, and that mineral pigments were used instead of woad.

When Caesar raided southern England in 55 BC, he remarked that "all the Britons dye themselves with woad (*vitrum* in Latin), which produces a blue colour, and makes their appearance in battle more terrible". His account remained unchallenged until two years ago, when samples of skin from an Iron Age body found in Lindow Moss, Cheshire, were analysed.

The electron probe X-ray technique showed that fairly large amounts of aluminium, silica and copper were present on the skin, and these were interpreted as the residues of copper-based pigment mixed with clay and applied to the body. Many copper salts are blue in colour, and this, together with the absence of any pre-Roman evidence of woad from Britain, led to the idea that Caesar had seen copper-coated rather than woad-stained warriors.

Now, however, the remains of woad plants have been identified from Dragonby, near Scunthorpe, Humberside, in the ancient territory of the Corieltauvi tribe. The 10 hectare (25 acre) settlement has yielded round-houses, decorated pottery, and other artefacts suggesting a rich community, according to Dr Jeffery May of Nottingham University. Among the discoveries were a number of pits, one of which contained numerous waterlogged seeds and other plant material. This included fragments of woad fruits; other dye plant remains from the site include weld, which yields a yellow pigment.

Weld is local, but woad is not native to Britain, suggesting that it must have been an import in the Iron Age. Since the plant has no other known practical use than dyeing, this is surmised to have been the reason for its acquisition.

There is one problem: it is not the fruits and seeds, but the leaves of woad which are used: in medieval times the leaves were pulped and fermented for several days before being used. Dr May and his palaeobotanist colleagues believe that the seeds, like those of other species found in the Dragonby pit, were from plants growing in rubbish around the settlement.

"This find of woad is the earliest occurrence of this species so far recorded in the British Isles", they say, although Anglo-Saxon and medieval examples are known, and woad was present in Germany from the mid-first millennium BC onwards. "Woad was definitely available in Britain at the time of the Roman conquest".

Although they do not challenge the identification of the mineral-based pigments on the Lindow Moss body, "the debate on the blue body paint of the Britons remains wide open", the investigators conclude.

Source: Oxford Journal of Archaeology 12:367-371.

European Engineers' awards

The British National Committee for International Engineering Affairs announces that the following have been awarded the qualification European Engineer, entitling them to use the letters Eur Ing as a prefix to their names:

E R Abel, R D Andrews, R Armitage; A Badcock, A S Ball, T Ballantine, P L Balmer, D Barry, G Bartella, J L Beattie, O W Beckerlegge, M Bell, T Billington, E Blackie, A B Blackney, E Blackwell, J Blatchford, C Bone, R Bottomley, W R B Bowie, B Bowyer, S Brassey, S Brockwell, R Brown, P Brown, G J Buckley, S P Bucknall, G Burton; V L Carpentier, J Chance, H C Y Chang, G J R Chanot, W S H Cheung, B J Church, M Ciampitt, C Cole, R N Collier, N J Colman, J Cragg; P M Davies, A A Dawood, S Dennis, R Dixon, D J Doherty, M Duncan, J Dunlop, C Dyer; R J Edwards, M Ellam, P Elsdon; J R Finnie, B L Firth, B J Fitzgerald, L Flamen, J A Forster, S A Fotheringham, N J Fowler, J Francis, R B Franks; A Gilchrist, S Grant, L Greenslade, A P Gunning, G Gurney, M R H Gurney, C Guthrie; A Hall, M A Hall, R Hallam, N J Harris, D M Haywood, D B Head, K Helyar, D Henderson, B Hollingsworth, D J Horgan, A Houston, R M Hudson, R Humphries, K J R Hunt; D Ioannidis, A Iqbal, P T J James, D A Jarvis, K A Johnson; E Kembery, D Kirman, C C Ko, S Lakoutsis, G Lane, N Lee, J M Lupson; R Macdonald, A J Macdonald, A M Mackiewicz, J R Maclean, M J Maguire, W Mapplebeck, A E Marples, C F Marshall, H U Mayer, V Mehta, S B Mistry, C H U W Morris, M Motlagh, J Mouatt; J Newbury, Z M Nyirenda, R A J T Oram, K Otto; J Parker, P Poulton, C Priestley, D Redman, M Robinson, C A Roebuck, J Rye; A L Sachdeva, A Senouci, P Seymour, B Sharpe, I Slik, S Sokaris, M Soufian, I R W Still; N M Taha, S Telford, B Temprell, G Thompson, D J Tomlinson; S J Waller, D Ward, R G Ward, P Watson, M Whalley, D A Wilson, S T S Wong; A Zohrabian.

Church news

Appointments

The Rev Charles Hutchins, Rector, Kingswood Team Ministry: to be *also* Rural Dean of Bitton (Bristol).

The Rev John Tipping, Vicar, Sittingbourne St Mary: to be Priest-in-charge, Mersham w Hinxhill; Sevington (Canterbury).

The Rev Geoffrey Walker, Rector, St Mary and St Cuthbert, Chester-le-Street (Durham): to be Bath and Wells Diocesan Missioner, Treasurer, Wells Cathedral, and Canon of Warminster (Bath and Wells).

The Rev Peter Walker, Rector, Swallow (Lincoln): to be Rector, Selworthy and Timberscombe and Wootton Courtenay, and Rector, Luccombe, held in plurality (Bath and Wells).

The Rev John Williams, Rector, Cradley group of parishes (Hereford): to be Rector, Norton St Philip w Hemington, Hardington and Laverton (Bath and Wells).

The Rev Gillian Wilton, Regional Adviser for Church's Ministry to the Jews: to be Assistant Curate (NSM), Marlbrook Team Ministry (Bath and Wells).

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy

Commodore A W J West, Royal Navy, to be promoted Rear Admiral and to be Naval Secretary in succession to Rear Admiral M G Rutherford in February 1994.

Commodore J A Trewby, Royal Navy, to be promoted Rear Admiral and to be Assistant Chief of Defence Staff Operational Requirements (Sea Systems) in succession to Rear Admiral R F Cobbold in March 1994.

Royal Navy and Royal Marines

CAPTAIN: A J H Burbridge - MOD Bath 17.6.94; T D Elliott - Staff of CINCFLEET 10.6.94; G B D Lane - Marlborough in Cmd 22.2.94; T P McClement - MOD London 4.5.94.

COMMANDER: S Bramley - Northumberland in Cmd 12.4.94; S P Carnt - Staff of 2SL/CINCNAVHOME 24.6.94; N H L Harris - Staff of 2SL/CINCNAVHOME 1.7.94; N J Hillier - Staff of CINCFLEET 26.4.94; M W G Kerr - Chatham in Cmd 7.6.94; R N Lucey - MOD London 2.9.94; D M Swain - RAF Turnhouse 26.8.94; B Wallis - MOD Bath 29.4.94.

Retirements

CAPTAIN: G R G Middleton - 6.3.94.

The Army

BRIGADIER: J J Gaskell - To be Comd HQ 42 (NW) BDE, 20.12.93.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL: M J Walker AGC(SPS) - to MoD, 20.12.93

Royal Air Force

GROUP CAPTAIN: N J Sudborough - To RAF Leuchars 15.12.93; D A Ray — To RAF Valley, 15.12.93; G T Keith - To SHAPE 16.12.93; N A Buckland - To MOD 17.12.93; J P Daicre - To HQ STC 17.12.93; J W Hollowood - To MOD 17.12.93; B G Bate - To MOD 17.12.93; A H Vaughan - To MoD 17.12.93; P J Brindle - To MoD 20.12.93; D C Andrews - To HQ STC 20.12.93; C M Chambers - To Indian NDC 20.12.93.

WING COMMANDER: R C Owen - To MOD ACDS (JNT Syst) 20.12.93; P D Rawson - To SM (STC) 56 (RAF) 20.12.93; G S Clayton-Jones - To D of R&S (RAF) 22.11.93; H W Price - To HQ 3rd USAF LO's 22.11.93; P R Dixon - To UAS London 26.11.93; R K Gault - To 30 Sqn Lyneham 29.11.93; S W Exton - To HQ STC 29.11.93; A D Connarty - To Sch of Fighter Control 29.11.93; E A Harris - To RAF Boulmer 29.11.93; A Ware - To HQ 18 Gp 6.12.93; A B Wight-Boycott - To MOD AFD/DAFSD 6.12.93; T V Rogers - To Perm Press CM 10.12.93.

Civil Service

Senior appointments

Mr Charles Betts, at present the Director General Surface Ships, is to be appointed the Director General Submarines and Deputy Controller of the Navy, is to succeed Rear Admiral R Walmsley on level transfer as Grade 3, with effect from April 19, 1994.

Mr Sandy Stagg, at present the programme Director Heavy Weapon Systems, is to succeed Commodore F Scourse as the Director General Surface Weapons, on promotion to Grade 4, with effect from February 14, 1994.

University news

London

University College

New and Honorary Fellows

Fellows: Sir Donald Acheson; Dr Joseph Stuart Burgess; Stuart Chalfen; Professor Ronald Urwick Cooke; Thomas Daniel Courtenay; Dr Gillian Myra Fellows-Jensen; Dr Anthony Howard Goldstone; Professor Valentine Korah; Bel Mooney; Professor Leslie Robinson; Professor Elizabeth Kerr Warrington.

Honorary Fellows: Professor John Nicolas Coldstream; Professor Alexander Lamb Cullen; Professor Mary Douglas; Lord Mishcon; Professor James Fraser Mustard; Professor Ivan Maurice Roitt; Professor Peter Noel Rowe; Professor Richard Arthur Wollheim.

Buckingham

Appointments

Professor of Management Accounting: Raymond Stacey.

Lectureships: Law: Kylie Downs, Duncan Miller; German: Ursula Artmann; Service Management: Vaikalathur Shankar Mahesh

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BIRTHS

BAINBRIDGE - On 24th December, to Katherine (née Gadber) and Guy, a son, Oliver Geoffrey Tarn.

FIDDIAN-GREEN - On 25th December 1993, to Henrietta (née Hutley) and Nicolas a son.

PRINGLE - On 20th December to Deborah (née Rodriguez) and Andrew, a daughter Caroline Mercedes.

DEATHS

ABATE - On December 21st 1993, Major John Patrick Barclay of Milton Lilbourne, Wiltshire, aged 63 years. Private cremation followed by a Memorial Service on January 4th at 2 pm at St Peter's Church, Milton Lilbourne. Family flowers only please but donations if desired for the Life-Anew Trust c/o F Dewey (Funeral Directors), 26 River Street, Pewsey, Wilts. SN9 5DH. (0672-63440).

COAD - On Christmas day 1993, Philip Ross Robertson MC aged 85, at home. Beloved husband of Mary, loved father and dear grandfather. Funeral service at Chelsea Old Church on Friday 31st December 1993 at 12:30 pm. No flowers, but any donations to Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund. Memorial service to be announced later.

ESTORICK - Eric, author and art dealer, at home on Christmas day in London aged 80. Much loved father, grandfather and friend. Cremation, Golders Green, Thursday December 30th. For the time, call M.M. Broad and Son 081 441 6047.

GROUSE - Leonard "Leo" David B.Sc. (Econ), A.T.I.I., F.P.M.I. On 22nd December suddenly and completely unexpectedly aged 63 at his office. Deeply loved husband of Jeannette, adored and adoring father and grandfather of David and Sharon, and Joe, Lily and Sonny. We miss him. Funeral at 1:30 on Thursday 6th January at Randall's Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, Surrey. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to TOFS. All enquiries to Doves Funerals, 112 St. Johns Hill, Sevenoaks, Kent TN13 3PB. (0732) 740444.

HOWARD - On 23rd December, peacefully in hospital, George Sigmund Alexander aged 82 years, beloved husband of Joan. Funeral Service at 11 am on Friday 31st December at the Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Luxborough, Somerset. Donations to Imperial Cancer Research c/o Hawkes Funeral Directors, Irnham Road, Minehead, Somerset.

KNOWLES - On 21st December, suddenly at home, James Metcalfe, aged 82. Dearly loved best friend of Lorraine, adored and loving father of Tom and Tizzie and lovely grandpa of Ella, Matilda and Barnaby. Funeral Wednesday 5th January at 2 pm, All Saints West Dean near Seaford. No flowers. If desired, donations to P.D.S.A or R.N.L.I. He was a True and gentle Englishman.

DEATHS

LESSER - Frank (Ephraim) died on 23rd December aged 77. A brave fighter who will be sadly missed by his wife Mira, daughters Judith and Miriam, son-in-law John, granddaughters Ilana and Ariela. Cremation at 3 pm on 31st December at the West Chapel, Golders Green Crematorium, Hoop Lane. Family flowers only please. Donations to North London Hospice c/o whos doctors and staff we extend our warm thanks.

LLOYD-JACOB - On 21st December, peacefully at home, Kathleen Winifred, beloved mother of Jenny, Marny and David. Service at Mickleham Church, 11:30 am Wednesday January 5th. Family flowers only please.

NELSON - Major General Sir John KCVO, CB, DSO, OBE, MC, aged 81, at Appin Argyle on December 23rd. Private funeral. Thanksgiving service at The Guards Chapel, to be announced later.

RILEY - On 24th December, Estaire Joyce Danielle aged 28, peacefully. Wife of Simon J.B. Riley, daughter of Prof. J.K. DeVree, Netherlands. Enquiries 071 351 0248.

SALTER - Willoughby, on 24th December aged 84 at Mansfield. Father of Stephen and Edmund. Founder and first headmaster of Lochinver House School, Potters Bar. Inquiries to G.A. Townrow and Son 0623 842455.

STOCKILL - John, on 22nd December, tragically. Dearly loved husband of Caroline and father of Mark and Clare. Cremation at Reading 3pm on 31st December. No flowers. Enquiries to Tomalin 0491 573570.

WHITE - Lt. Col. Peter Conrad OBE, late 22nd (Cheshire) Regiment, on 24th December peacefully at home. Funeral. All Saints Church, Thorp Arch on Thursday 30th December at 11 am. Family flowers only, but donations may be sent to The Cheshire Regiment Benevolent Fund c/o The Castle, Chester.

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OBITUARIES

MAJOR-GENERAL HUGH BORRADAILE

Major-General Hugh Alastair Borradaile, CB, DSO, Commander of the 43 (Wessex) Division, 1957-60, and Vice Adjutant General, 1960-63, died on December 13 aged 86. He was born on June 22, 1907.

ALL regiments have their own father figures: Hugh Borradaile filled this role for many years for the Devonshire Regiment, and subsequently for the Devonshire and Dorset Regiment after their amalgamation. Born in Exeter, he had West Country connections, which were enhanced by his service with the 43rd (Wessex) Division during the Second World War and by his command of it in the late 1950s.

A powerful stocky figure and an all round sportsman, he had a quiet laconic manner which masked his essential uprightness and inner steel. No extrovert, he led by example, rarely raising his voice or losing his temper, but no one was ever in any doubt what he wanted and the standards he expected: all gave him their best because to let him down would have been unacceptable.

He was educated at Wellington College and Sandhurst and commissioned into the Devonshire Regiment in 1926. After five years with the Devons in England, he was seconded to the King's African Rifles and gained his first operational experience with them "bush whacking" in East Africa. By 1939 he was back in England as a student at the Staff College, and when war broke out that autumn he was appointed Brigade Major of the 6th Infantry Brigade in the 2nd Division with the BEF in France.

Having survived Dunkirk, he was sent back to the Staff College for nine months as a battle-experienced instructor. Much to his surprise, he then found himself assistant military attaché in Dublin at a time when Anglo-Irish relations were at their worst. This was largely due to the Irish Government's refusal to allow British anti-submarine forces to operate out of Irish ports and maritime reconnaissance aircraft to use Irish airfields, thus restricting the operating range of the convoy escorts and completely depriving the convoys of air cover in mid-ocean during the most critical months of the Battle of the Atlantic.

Borradaile left Dublin in 1942 to become GSO1 to West Africa Command until summoned home to take command of the 5th Battalion of the East Lancashire Regiment, which was training with the 59th Division for the invasion of Normandy.

Borradaile as Master of the Worshipful Company of Drapers

The 59th Division's first major action came during the prolonged battle for Caen in July 1944. The division led the frontal attack on the ruins of the city. Severely wounded during the assault, Borradaile had to give up command. When he was fully recovered, he was given the 7th Battalion of the Somerset Light Infantry in the 43rd (Wessex) Division. He commanded it throughout the hard fought autumn battles in the Rhineland, starting with the abortive attempt to rescue the airborne troops at Arnhem.

The battles on the Maas followed, as the British Second Army forced its way doggedly across the last few miles of Dutch territory towards the elusive German frontier. This was a tough contest in bitterly cold weather against a tenacious enemy, still capable of mounting counter-attacks with fresh divisions. The advance was made the more difficult by the heavy November rains which burst the banks of the many streams and canals that network the region, turning the ground into a seemingly bottomless morass through which infantry had to struggle in the teeth of enemy fire. On November 19 Borradaile's battalion was involved in the capture of Geilenkirchen, north of Aachen, after a fierce battle — thus taking its first decisive step on German soil; for this Borradaile was awarded his DSO.

The tactical skill that he displayed at Arnhem and on the Maas so impressed General Sir Brian Horrocks, the commander of XXX Corps, that he made him his GSO1 (Operations) for the rest of the war. Borradaile's brigade commander at the time commented that his departure was a severe blow to his battalion, adding: "It falls to few officers to fight so many battles as a battalion commander, under such varying conditions, in so short a time and with such success."

When the war ended Borradaile spent some months as Assistant Chief of Staff (Executive) of the Control Commission in Germany before being sent to command the 1st Battalion of his own regiment, the Devons, who had taken part in the re-occupation of Malaya and were part of the Singapore garrison when he reached them in September 1946. He took them to Hong Kong for most of 1947 and returned to Singapore at the end of the year where the Communist revolt was beginning to simmer beneath the surface. However before it broke surface, later that year, he was back in Germany as Deputy Chief of Intelligence in the Control Commission and then spent the year 1950-51 as the first British student at the Canadian National Defence College.

From 1951 he was the last chief administrative staff officer of Anti-Aircraft Command. When it was disbanded in 1953 he took command of the 24th Infantry Brigade in Trieste. Two years in the War Office followed where he was Deputy Military Secretary, dealing with appointments of senior officers.

In 1957 he went to command the South-West District and the 43rd (Wessex) Division of the Territorial Army. During this time the amalgamation of the Devonshire and Dorsetshire Regiments took place as a result of the creation of a smaller all regular Army when National Service ended in the early 1960s. He became the new regiment's first Colonel in 1962.

Borradaile was Vice-Adjutant General in the War Office, 1960-63. After he retired from the Army he was re-employed in the Security Vetting Unit for seven years. He was a member of the Drapers' Company and its Master in 1971-72.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Barbara Powell-Williams of Yelverton, Devon, a leading lady golfer, whom he married in 1936, and one son and a daughter.

H. A. MASON

H. A. Mason, teacher, critic, scholar and editor, died in Cambridge on November 25 aged 82. He was born in Hull on July 30, 1911.

THOUGH a classicist by early training, H. A. Mason was widely interested in all aspects of European and American modernism to which he brought a profound knowledge of European literature. His earliest publications were about modernist works and American films for Oxford undergraduate papers, but he contributed the first of the "Oxford Letters" to the Cambridge periodical *Scrutiny* in 1934. He brought the critical rigour he learnt as a member of the *Scrutiny* group to everything he did thereafter, in both teaching and writing.

Harold Andrew Mason was educated at Hull Grammar School and Christ's Hospital. He then took a London external degree at what was then the University College of Hull, before going to to Oriel College, Oxford, to read Greats. After taking his degree in 1934 Mason began his career teaching classics at Stamford School.

In 1937 he took a post as teacher of classics and English at an English boarding school in Villars, in French-speaking Switzerland. When this school closed, he moved to a similar post in Rosenberg, near St Gallen in German-speaking Switzerland. During this period Mason became one of *Scrutiny's* most regular writers, contributing articles and reviews on an astonishing range of subjects. He was married in 1945 in Basle, where he continued to work for the British Council.

In 1949 he and his family settled in Cambridge, where he took a post as Assistant Director of Studies at Downing College, and became an editor of *Scrutiny*. At Downing his encouragement of students to study foreign languages led to several of them taking up teaching careers that combined English with other European literatures.

In 1955 Mason left Cambridge for a lectureship at Exeter University, where he became a senior lecturer in 1963. It was at Exeter that he laid the foundations of his later career. He published his first book, *Humanism and Poetry in the Early Tudor Period*, in 1959. Behind its chaste title lay a radical critical experiment, for Mason was one of the few critics living who possessed the linguistic competence to test the reality of Eliot's phrases about "the mind of Europe".

Mason attempted what had not been done before — to establish the relationship between the neo-Latin culture of humanist Europe and the vernacular literature of England. In the book Mason made his first sustained attempt to bring the critical procedures of the *Scrutiny* group to bear upon the classical literature in which he had been trained, and which he shared with humanists like Erasmus, More, Rabelais and Vives. At the same time he was determined not to undervalue the native, vernacular and folk traditions which he — never entirely out of touch with his provincial Yorkshire origins — knew and loved. The hero of the book was Thomas Wyatt, with whom Mason had a deep and enduring sympathy, and upon whom he published several articles and two further books.

In 1965 Mason was elected to the F. R. Leavis lectureship, an independently funded post attached to the Cambridge English faculty. Mason, whose style and manner were more Arnoldian than Leavis's, might have done much to close the rifts that then existed among the factions of the English faculty, but past bitterness, together with a growing friction between the Leavises and the Leavis trustees, left him in a difficult and rather isolated position. Nevertheless, he gave himself vigorously to the faculty's teaching and was elected to a fellowship at Clare Hall.

He had begun lecturing on Shakespeare in Exeter, and these lectures were developed in Cambridge to form the basis of his next book, *Shakespeare's Tragedies of Love*. A further two books (*To Homer through Pope* and *The Tragic Plane*) represented a renewed attempt to discover the vital link between modern English literature and the classics. Mason considered that authors of the past remained shadows until they had been recreated for the present by a writer of genius.

He felt keenly the demise of *Scrutiny* in 1953 and was the moving spirit behind *The Cambridge Quarterly*, of which he became one of the founder editors in 1966. He contributed to it for more than 25 years.

Though he retired in 1978 Mason never gave the least sense of failing powers. At his death he was preparing a collection of his essays on Roman authors for publication as a book, and his series of critical articles on Dante was ongoing.

He is survived by his wife Eve and their three sons.

HILDA BOR

Hilda Bor, pianist and former piano teacher to the Prince of Wales and the Princess Royal, died on December 19 aged 83. She was born on May 7, 1910.

HILDA BOR was a talented recitalist during the 1920s and 1930s and became a piano teacher after the war.

Being particularly good with small children, she came highly recommended when the Queen was looking for someone suitable to start the young Prince Charles and Princess Anne on music lessons in their pre-preparatory school days. Hilda Bor would arrive at Buckingham Palace twice a week and be escorted to the nursery, where she took her charges through the rudimentary steps. Charles was found to have a good ear for tunes, and though he later dropped the piano in favour of the bagpipes and cello, it was those early lessons with Hilda Bor which gave him his solid musical grounding. Yehudi Menuhin, Clifford Curzon and Harry Blech also entrusted their children to her.

Hilda Bor was born into a musical family, one of four children who won scholarships to the Royal Academy of Music. She studied under two of the greatest piano teachers of her day: Vivian Langrish at the Royal Academy and Tobias Matthay (who had also taught Langrish). Hilda made her debut at the Proms, then held at Queen's Hall and conducted by Sir Henry Wood, when she was only 14.

Having recorded her first concert for the BBC at 17, she became a regular broadcaster. She was a particularly fine interpreter of Chopin, Mozart and, from the modern canon, Arnold Bax and Nicholas Medtner, both of whom were friends. She went on to play with the best chamber orchestras — the Griller String Quartet, the Amadeus and the Kantrovich Trio.

During the war she joined forces with Richard Pinney, then director of the Red Cross, to organise a series of lunch-time concerts at the Royal Exchange in the City, thus providing office workers with a daily musical respite from the horrors of war. The Lord Mayor of London, Sir Samuel Joseph, called it "a public service of first class importance".

Teaching took her out of the public eye during the 1960s, but she continued to practise daily, to perform in the occasional concert and teach until quite recently. Nor was she forgotten by her old pupils, including Prince Charles who sent her flowers on her 80th birthday. She lived in Cambridge with her two sisters for the last twenty years. They and a brother survive her.

JEFF MORROW

Jeff Morrow, American stage and screen actor, died in Los Angeles on December 26 aged 80. He was born on January 13, 1913.

Left to right, Jeff Morrow, Richard Burton and Victor Mature in the biblical epic *The Robe*

BEGINNING his career in classical drama on Broadway, Jeff Morrow proceeded to Hollywood in the 1950s. There, after a good supporting role in the 20th Century-Fox film *The Robe* he seemed destined for a career in the "big" costume dramas of Tinseltown's high technicolour age.

For the next ten years he did, indeed, have several more respectable parts which exploited his always solid on-screen presence and acting ability. Meanwhile his career had taken a turn which might not so easily have been detected from his classical stage training, as he starred in several of the science fiction films which became cult favourites of the period.

Born in New York, Morrow started his life as a commercial artist before becoming a stage actor. Thereafter traditional stage fare kept him busy for a number of years, and he appeared in more than twenty productions, ranging in weight from *Lace on her Petticoat* to *Macbeth*.

Like many Broadway stalwarts he was lured to Hollywood in the 1950s and landed a good supporting role as Paulus in the biblical blockbuster *The Robe* (1953). Hollywood's first Cinemascope film, which featured a glamorous cast of stars in the young Richard Burton, Jean Simmons and Victor Mature. In *Captain Lightfoot* (1955), a story about the adventures of a nineteenth-century Irish rebel, he starred alongside Rock Hudson, and in the following year he was with Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis in the comic *Pardners*, a spoof on the classic Western in which the hero rides in from the desert and cleans up the town.

None of these was more than competent and in the meantime Morrow had begun a fruitful career with his sci-fi debut in *This Island Earth* (1955). In this Morrow starred as a visitant from outer space masquerading as a scientist at a remote research station. This absorbing drama was not as much hokum as it sounds in description — which is more than could be said for *The Creature Walks Among Us* (1956). The second sequel to *The Creature from the Black Lagoon*, which had featured a frightening but sympathetic monster from the depths of the Amazon, this, risibly, had the creature now casting lustful eyes on Morrow's screen wife, played by the bathing-suited Leigh Snowden.

Morrow's screen career tended to decline thereafter through such fare as the absurdly incompetent horror item *The Giant Claw* (1957) and another biblical offering, the tedious *The Story of Ruth* (1960). But this was largely bad luck and Morrow took his undoubted talents to television where lucrative series such as *The Twilight Zone* and *Bonanza* ensured him a decent living.

He leaves his widow, Anna, and a daughter.

MARY ORVIG

Mary Orvig, international authority on children's literature, died after a short illness on November 29 at the age of 75. She was born in Stockholm on July 4, 1918.

SINCE the end of the Second World War a number of multilingual women from Scandinavia, from Germany, and from Switzerland pursued with much energy the belief that improved understanding across cultures might be attained through the medium of children's literature. Such a belief rested in part on the optimistic notion that children would arrive at a better appreciation of the world's diversity by reading about children from other nations.

As a concomitant however, this led to many formal and informal contacts being made between professionals in the field, so that international co-operation and a heightened sympathy had a chance to grow among many interested adults.

Mary Orvig was in the forefront of this movement. As a Swede she was well-placed to hold the ring between the free-booting West and the hopelessly politicised East. With a competence seemingly in every European language, she was able to build friendships across the world. As an energetic administrator she helped found such bodies as the International Board on Books for Youth and the International Research Society for Children's Literature — both of which, to her regret, were viewed with considerable scepticism from Britain.

The professionalism of Mary Orvig's administrative work owed much to her training as a librarian, both in Sweden and at the Library School of the University of Oklahoma. Graduating from there in 1948 she worked as a children's librarian in Stockholm and in New York, and in 1966 she became head of the Swedish Institute for Children's Books, associated with the City and University libraries of Stockholm orginally housed in an historic timber frame house in the city.

Under Orvig's direction the Institute achieved world renown for its work in preserving and encouraging the study of a nation's children's literature. Many bibliographic projects were undertaken, contemporary writers and illustrators were encouraged to use the collections, and generous hospitality was shown to visiting scholars — a tribute to Mary Orvig's gift for manipulating the bureaucracy.

In addition to her administrative work Orvig devoted time to the study of children's literature, publishing a number of works which celebrated the Swedish contribution to the genre. She was also deeply interested in the role of women writers long before this became a fashionable academic subject, and her two books on the history of feminine deportment and on girls' stories, *Skulle Flickor Vara* (1973) and *Flickboken Och Dess Författare* (1988), show the breadth of her grasp and her awareness of the influence of English and American traditions on the European book.

After retiring from the Institute in 1983 (the year it moved to larger premises) Mary Orvig kept up her work and at the time of her death had completed a study of the children's literature of the Baltic countries. She is survived by her husband, the eminent Norwegian palaeontologist, Tor Orvig.

Those who visited them at their home near Stockholm will long remember their warm hospitality.

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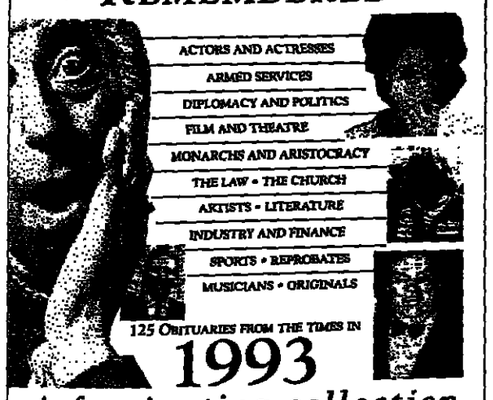

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Dorothy **Adams**, of Seaford, East Sussex, left estate valued at £359,037 net.
She left her entire estate to the British Wireless for the Blind Fund.

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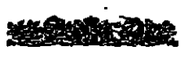

David's painting of the coronation aroused the rancour of the paper, but now, in the Louvre, it arouses awe and admiration. The second article may be the first of The Times's *premature obituaries: Haydn died in May 31 1809.*

At the coronation of BUONAPARTE, the HOLY FATHER made an unsuccessful effort to establish the temporal supremacy of the Papal authority. Having received the crown from the Grand Dignitary, his HOLINESS was in the act of placing it on the head of the Usurper, when he was anticipated by the vigilant NAPOLEON, who rudely snatched it from the hands of the Sovereign Pontiff, and placed it with his own hands on his own brows. The HOLY FATHER, defeated in his design, wished at least to place the diadem on the head of Josephine, but here, again, he reckoned without his host, as her fiery lord, interrupted him in the same way, and crowned her IMPERIAL MAJESTY himself.

Several historical painters, we are told, were placed in the cathedral of *Notre Dame*, on the coronation day, to observe the splendid ceremonies, and fix on the best mode of staining their mercenary canvas with a glaring picture of this scene of eternal dishonour to their country. Some of those men, such, for instance, as DAVID, have been, in the Revolutionary transactions, the most infuriated Jacobins, the most ferocious and blood-thirsty proscribers and murderers; and yet, with all the facility of the other professions, they can now, in turn, become the instruments for swelling the vanity, and illustrating the pomp of an individual Usurper and Tyrant. Their pencils and pallets may be in perpetual occupation; but *no painting* can ever convert into *beauties* the *foul blemishes* of their hero's *character*, or even *disguise* them from the scrutinising investigation of those, whom fiction and shew will not blind, and whose duty, it must be to let posterity see the wicked Child of *Fortune*, such as he really is.

DEATH OF HAYDN

The death of HADYN (*sic*) is a lamentable event in the Musical World: for though he was "far declined into the vale of years" his genius was by no means exhausted, and every new work from his hand displayed a sound judgment and a rich imagination. There have been professors more profound in the science of music, but none who united so much learning with such original genius, and a vivid fancy. The great characteristic of his works, was simplicity, produced by the most complicated arrangements. Every instrument was most happily employed in all his compositions, so as to mark the character of each, and combine them with admirable effect. In his works there is often grandeur and sublimity; and there is also, if we may use such a term, a strong vein of *humour*; for many passages are ingenious, lively and diverting, and produce such effects as might be expected to arise from a Comic Poem. He was a very amiable man in private life, but little acquainted with the world, though he had lived so long it in it, because he was chiefly absorbed in his art. He was particularly liberal in his judgment of the works of others; and though he eclipsed most of his competitors, all of them have united in admiring his genius, and in paying homage.

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NEWS

Campaign to control fertility cases

■ Tighter international regulations on the provision of fertility treatment to older women are to be sought by the Government after the birth of twins to a 59-year-old British woman.

Ethical concern coincides with the news that an Italian farmer's wife aged 62 has become what is believed be the oldest woman in the world to become pregnant. She, like the Briton, was a patient of Dr Severino Antinori.....**Page 1**

Hurd warns IRA of clampdown

■ Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, said that tougher security measures would be directed against the IRA if it rejected the Downing Street peace declaration. Hours after the Provisionals ended their Christmas ceasefire with a mortar attack, he called on them to stop prevaricating and to accept the agreement.....**Page 1**

Sculpture rescue

Antonio Canova's *The Three Graces*, the subject of a four-year-long Anglo-American wrangle, is likely to be the first work of art saved by the National Lottery. The Heritage Department may defer export of the sculpture for an unprecedented 18 months.....**Page 1**

Hijack fails

Four gunmen are behind bars in Russia after a minutely plotted hijack, kidnap and ransom demand that landed $10 million (£6.8 million) was scuppered by bad weather.....**Pages 1, 9**

Anti-hunt campaign

Animal rights activists launched a new campaign to ban hunting against a background of growing support from MPs.....**Page 2**

Prince's role

The Prince of Wales is engaged in talks with government ministers on developing a new role for himself as "Royal ambassador" for British business abroad. The discussions follow outspoken remarks by the Prince last month that he was dissatisfied with his limited role.....**Page 4**

Under sale

For many stores and travel agents, yesterday was the first day of bargain offers. But customers appeared in no mood to rush their sales purchases.....**Page 5**

New Year alert

Fresh plans have been drawn up to control the crowds in Trafalgar Square on New Year's Eve after last year's near disaster when senior police officers believe they came within minutes of losing control of the 120,000 crowd. Ten years earlier two women were crushed to death.....**Page 3**

Church-Mafia row

A Roman Catholic priest caused a storm of controversy in Rome by announcing at Christmas midnight mass that he had heard the confession of a Mafia member who participated in some of the organisation's bloodiest bomb attacks.....**Page 8**

Drive-in eating

One restaurant will send a chauffeur-driven limousine to fetch you to its tables. Others, equally concerned to drum up trade, are adding take-away services to their attractions.....**Page 3**

Bosnia warning

British troops will not stay in Bosnia indefinitely, Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, said in a sign that the West is fast losing patience with the warring parties.....**Page 8**

PLO gloom

Israel and the PLO met for what was regarded as a desperate but probably doomed 24-hour meeting in Cairo aimed at breaking the deadlock in the peace process. The Israelis admitted even before the talks opened that they had no new concessions to offer.....**Page 7**

Flickering fame

Who's in and who's out in America? Newspapers and magazines have been compiling their (often tongue-in-cheek) New Year lists.....**Page 9**

Mob jeers 'home alone' police

■ A jeering mob surrounded police and social workers who arrived to take into care three young children left alone in a maisonette on a council housing estate. As officers tried to break down the specially fortified front door secured by eight bolts, the crowd shouted at them to leave the children in the house until their father returned home.....**Page 1**

DENNIS OWEN

Pakistani children greeting President Benazir Bhutto of Pakistan at Peking airport yesterday when she arrived to renew ties with China and to study its economic policy. She said her country's relations with China were "a cornerstone of foreign policy"

BUSINESS

Looking ahead: Michael Heseltine sees himself at the Department of Trade and Industry for another two years to see through the policy of improving UK competitiveness.....**Page 30; Interview, Page 32**

Bank sues: a French bank says it is suing Hammersmith and Fulham Borough Council, west London, to recover money it lost in interest rate swap deals.....**Page 32**

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Football: "I have thought long and hard about ways of destroying the offside trap, though I have never come up with anything as splendid as Norwich produced yesterday." Simon Barnes sees Spurs beaten at White Hart Lane.....**Page 17**

Racing: Adrian Maguire guided Barton Bank to victory in the King George VI chase at Kempton Park and then was suspended for two days for over-use of the whip.....**Page 17, 24**

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Grand mother: "Not many women of nearly 60 expect to exchange power dressing for maternity clothes and boardroom for the labour ward." Dr Thomas Stuttaford on motherhood at 59.....**Page 11**

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Court in the act: David Pannick QC reviews a year in which a rapist was ordered to pay his victim £500 for a holiday and a litter lout was fined £1,200.....**Page 26**

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Jimi discovered: On day two of the series "Six shows that shocked the world", recalling the birth of cultural icons, David Sinclair describes how a young electric guitarist from America called Jimi Hendrix burst upon the London club scene in the winter of 1966 and transformed rock music for ever.....**Page 27**

Kids' stuff: *Times* theatre critics review seven of the liveliest plays and musicals for children in London this week.....**Page 28**

Ice-T in Brixton: The controversial Californian rapper whose lyrics are shot through with violence played to an enthusiastic crowd at the Brixton Academy.....**Page 27**

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Dr Severino Antinori, the gynaecologist responsible for the treatment which led to a 59-year-old British woman giving birth to twins
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J.C. Bach, whose signature has been found on a piano, making it the only known instrument firmly linked to the musical dynasty
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David Evans, the prominent Tory backbencher seeking the resignation of Timothy Yeo, the minister who is the father of a love child
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THE TIMES TOMORROW

A race against time

■ "If one image summed up the year, it was Captain Keith Brown vainly waving his furled flag in the face of progress." Simon Barnes on sport in 1993

Slim chance of weight loss

■ "These pills, potions and magic cures don't help you to lose body fat, and pigs would fly before they ever did" — products which exploit the dieter

Mayhem at the theatre

■ Benedict Nightingale relives the night when a new play by J.M. Synge caused a riot in Dublin: the third in our series "Six shows that shocked the world"

TV LISTINGS

In a *Survival Special* about mass animal migration across drought-sticken Bostwana for nearly a decade until the rains broke, cameos of individual beasts are the most moving *(ITV 8pm)*.....**Page 31**

OPINION

Clinton's troubles

The presidency cannot yet be said to be imperilled. Yet the palpable nervousness in and around the White House is justified. The real problem is not sexual scandal. It is that other "old stories", as White House aides clumsily persist in calling them, are simultaneously taking on new life.....**Page 13**

Our woman in Serbia

Serbia would be wise to rescind its decision to ban *The Times* correspondent from reporting on its affairs from Belgrade. Failure to do so will only confirm the pariah status from which Mr Milosevic is so anxious to emerge.....**Page 13**

Three French hens

On the third of our Twelve Days of Christmas, the old song conjures up the enduring, if misleading, idyll of *la France profonde*.....**Page 13**

COLUMNS

BERNARD LEVIN

The ecological fanatics, like any other fanatics, do their cause more harm than good. But you do not have to be a fanatic to think that it would be a pity if bears were to disappear entirely from the earth.....**Page 12**

LYNNE TRUSS

Every anecdote that friends utter goes directly into a writer's mental dressing-up box, and though any single item may not re-emerge for a decade, it will turn up again one day — albeit crumpled, stained, mildewed, or laced with holes — to the owner's muffled astonished cry of "But surely that was *mine* originally, wasn't it?".....**Page 12**

The Jamaican detentions at Gatwick are followed up with arguments from the Home Office and from a solicitor for one of the detainees.....**Page 13**

Americans and others outside China should not hesitate to express their horror [at Peking's draft law to avoid births of inferior quality]. Even this late in the Chinese legislative process, constructive criticisms might yet have some positive influence.

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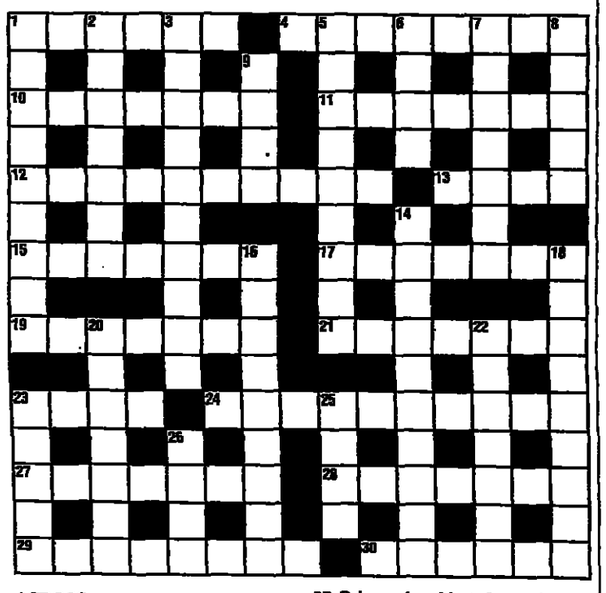

ACROSS

1 State member is in the drink! (6)
4 Rock projection, semi-precious or false? (8)
10 A dimmer switch in the theatre (7)
11 Advocate needs a billet with a short let (7)
12 Total number of witnesses to Jane Eyre's wedding (10)
13 Rotten Row? (4)
15 Country hotel so disorganised (7)
17 Futile advice to the prodigal (7)
19 Was filled with compassion when the old composer died (7)
21 Like fare that can be lowered? (7)
23 Base plan (4)
24 Tender name, perhaps (10)
27 Behaves harshly to boy not one's own (7).
28 Package bearer? (7)
29 Composer taking a pipe after tea? (8)
30 Buckler is held clumsily (6)

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1 Naval jurisdiction embracing the seaboard, would you say? (9)
2 Western lines for running down stock? (7)
3 Most sombre single piece of inscribed masonry? (10)
5 Parking licence is commonplace (9)
6 Othello's retirement chamber (4)
7 Abroad, fashion can be an affront (7)
8 Dot's second kiss (5)
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14 Detect true nature of boil, no end nasty (3,7)
16 Sort of survey including the individual as a rule (9)
18 Protected trees held out (9)
20 A disabled American lawyer in a public walk (7)
22 Cut of meat with stock for the shortest course (3-4)
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Freezing fog patches in eastern England should soon clear. Rain in the west of the British Isles will spread east, preceded by sleet and some snow in southern areas. There will be more snow farther north, especially on high ground, with drifting in Scotland. Clearer showery weather will follow into Northern Ireland and western Britain and spread east. Generally windy with temperatures slowly rising. Outlook: wet and windy weather in all areas.

Abroad

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	7	45	r	Madrid	14	57	f
Akrotiri	19	66	f	Majorca	12	54	f
Alex'dria	22	72	f	Malaga	18	64	c
Algiers	17	63	f	Malta	15	59	f
Amst'dm	3	37	f	Melb'rne	11	52	r
Athens	17	63	f	Miami	16	61	s
Bahrain	22	72	s	Milan	2	36	s
Bangkok	25	77	s	Montreal	-2	-8	s
Barbados	29	84	t	Moscow	-6	23	c
Barcelona	13	55	s	Munich	-2	28	f
Beirut	19	66	s	Nairobi	25	77	t
Belgrade	7	45	f	Naples	9	48	r
Berlin	1	34	sn	N Delhi	18	64	s
Bermuda	22	72	s	N York	-4	21	s
Biarritz	6	43	f	Nice	12	54	s
Borde'x	5	41	s	Oslo	-3	27	s
Brussels	2	36	sl	Paris	3	37	c
Budapst	0	32	sn	Peking	6	43	s
B Aires	27	81	c	Perth	32	90	s
Cairo	21	70	s	Prague	-1	30	f
Cape Tn	23	73	s	Reykjavik	5	41	r
Chicago	-11	12	c	Rhodes	19	66	f
Ch'church	15	59	c	Rio de J	29	82	s
Cologne	1	34	sn	Riyadh	22	72	s
C'phagn	2	36	r	Rome	13	55	f
Corfu	13	55	t	Salzburg	-2	28	c
Dublin	3	37	s	S F'isco	8	46	c
Dubrovnik	11	52	r	Santiago	30	86	s
Faro	17	63	c	S Paulo	25	77	f
Florence	5	41	f	Seoul	6	43	c
Frankfurt	2	36	c	Sing'por	30	86	f
Funchal	18	91	c	St'kholm	-4	25	sn
Geneva	1	34	s	Strasb'rg	1	34	c
Gibraltar	15	59	f	Sydney	31	88	s
Helsinki	-8	21	c	Tangier	15	59	c
Hong K	23	73	s	Tel Aviv	25	78	s
Innsbruck	-1	30	f	Tenerife	17	63	c
Istanbul	13	55	f	Toronto	17	1	s
Jo'burg	24	75	f	Tunis	11	52	c
Karachi	27	81	s	Valencia	16	61	f
L Palmas	18	64	f	Vanc'ver	0	32	f
Le Touet	4	39	f	Venice	4	39	r
Lisbon	13	55	s	Vienna	0	32	sn
Locarno	8	46	f	Warsaw	4	39	s
L Angels	16	61	c	Wash'ton	-1	30	s
Luxembg	0	32	c	Wel'ngton	17	63	c
Luxor	25	77	s	Zurich	-1	30	f

* denotes figures are latest available

London

Yesterday: Temp. max 6am to 6pm, 5C (41F); min 6pm to 6am, 1C (34F). Humidity: 6pm, 79 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 3 9hr. Bar. mean sea level, 6pm, 1,016.3 millibars, rising.
1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

Highest & lowest

Sunday: Highest day temp: Scilly Isles, 7C (45F); lowest day max: Altnaharra, Highland, 10C (50F); highest rainfall: Marham, Norfolk, 0.16in; highest sunshine: Eastbourne, 6.4hr

Manchester

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 2C (36F); min 6pm to 6am, -5C (23F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 0.1hr.

Glasgow

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 1C (34F); min 6pm to 6am, -6C (21F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, nil.

Sun and rain

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	2.3	0.01	1	34	snow
Anglesey	0.1	-	2	36	cloudy
Aviemore	4.3	-	-9	16	sunny
Belfast	0.1	-	3	37	cloudy
Birmingham	5.5	-	3	37	sunny
Bognor Regis	5.9	-	5	41	sunny
Bournemouth	0.8	-	2	36	cloudy
Bristol	0.5	-	3	37	cloudy
Buxton	5.7	-	1	34	sunny
Cardiff	0.1	-	3	37	cloudy
Clacton	3.9	-	4	39	bright
Cromer	1.0	0.05	4	39	cloudy
Eastbourne	6.4	-	4	39	sunny
Edinburgh	0.1	-	-1	30	bright
Eskdalemuir	2.5	-	0	32	bright
Exmouth	0.7	-	3	37	cloudy
Falmouth	-	0.04	5	41	cloudy
Folkestone	5.6	-	4	39	sunny
Glasgow	0.9	-	0	32	bright
Guernsey	1.5	-	6	43	bright
Hastings	6.1	-	4	39	sunny
Hunstanton	-	0.11	5	41	cloudy
Isle of Man	-	-	3	37	cloudy
Jersey	1.4	0.08	5	41	cloudy
Kinloss	3.0	-	-2	28	bright
Lerwick	1.3	-	2	36	bright
Liverpool	1.9	-	1	34	bright
London	2.4	-	4	39	cloudy
Lowestoft	1.0	0.08	4	39	shower
Manchester	5.4	-	2	36	sunny
Margate	*	-	4	39	cloudy
Minehead	*	-	3	37	cloudy
Morecambe	2.7	-	1	34	bright
Nottingham	5.6	-	3	37	sunny
Penzance	0.2	0.04	6	43	cloudy
Plymouth	0.5	-	4	39	cloudy
Poole	1.2	-	2	36	bright
Saunton Snd	-	-	3	37	cloudy
Scilly Isles	*	-	7	45	cloudy
Shanklin	5.9	-	3	37	sunny
Stornoway	-	-	4	39	cloudy
Swanage	1.1	-	2	36	cloudy
Teignmouth	0.8	-	4	39	cloudy
Tenby	-	-	3	37	cloudy
Tiree	-	-	5	41	cloudy
Torquay	0.7	-	6	43	cloudy
Weymouth	0.7	-	3	37	cloudy

*These are Sunday's figures

Tourist rates

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.34	2.14
Austria Sch	18.83	17.33
Belgium Fr	55.87	51.47
Canada $	2.107	1.947
Cyprus Cyp£	0.787	0.737
Denmark Kr	10.52	09.72
Finland Mkk	9.13	08.33
France Fr	9.09	8.39
Germany Dm	2.69	2.48
Greece Dr	386.00	361.00
Hong Kong $	12.21	11.21
Ireland Pt	1.09	1.01
Italy Lire	2578.00	2423.00
Japan Yen	180.00	163.00
Malta	0.620	0.565
Netherlands Gld	2.990	2.780
Norway Kr	11.60	10.80
Portugal Esc	270.50	252.00
South Africa Rd	5.80	4.80
Spain Pta	217.50	203.50
Sweden Kr	12.85	12.05
Switzerland Fr	2.26	2.10
Turkey Lira	21390.0	20390.0
USA $	1.592	1.462

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Lighting times

London 3.58 pm to 8.08 am
Bristol 4.08 pm to 8.16 am
Edinburgh 3.45 pm to 8.44 am
Manchester 3.56 pm to 8.25 am
Penzance 4.27 pm to 8.21 am

Sun rises: 8.06 am
Sun sets: 3.58pm
Moon sets 7.24 am
Moon rises 3.54 pm
Full Moon 11.05 pm

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Yesterday

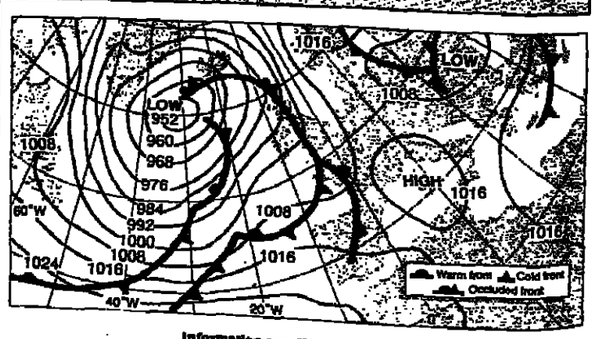
Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	1	34	s	Guernsey	4	39	c
B'mgham	1	34	s	Inverness	-2	28	f
Blackpool	1	34	s	Jersey	5	41	c
Bristol	2	36	s	London	8	37	c
Cardiff	2	36	c	M'nchster	1	34	s
Edinburgh	-2	28	f	Newcastle	2	36	c
Glasgow	-2	28	f	R'nidsway	2	36	s

High tides

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	1.03	6.6	12.23	6.6	Liverpool	10.40	8.9	10.59	8.9
Aberdeen	12.39	3.9	12.53	4.2	Lowestoft	8.52	2.2	9.03	2.4
Avonmouth	8.22	12.2	8.57	12.3	Margate	11.33	4.5	11.53	4.6
Belfast	10.30	3.4	10.48	3.2	Milford Haven	5.39	6.5	6.00	6.5
Cardiff	6.17	11.3	6.42	11.4	Newquay	4.30	6.5	4.51	6.6
Devonport	5.12	5.2	5.36	5.1	Oban	5.09	3.7	5.39	3.8
Dover	10.21	6.1	10.46	6.3	Penzance	4.10	5.3	4.33	5.2
Falmouth	4.42	5.0	5.6	4.9	Portland	5.57	2.0	8.26	1.8
Glasgow	12.24	4.2	12.29	4.7	Portsmouth	10.39	4.6	11.08	4.6
Harwich	11.19	3.7	11.39	3.8	Shoreham	10.32	5.8	11.00	5.9
Holyhead	9.48	5.3	10.07	5.3	Southampton	10.23	4.4	10.52	4.4
Hull	5.43	6.8	6.00	7.0	Swansea	5.50	8.9	6.11	8.9
Ilfracombe	5.19	8.6	5.42	8.7	Tees	3.03	4.9	3.22	5.1
King's Lynn	5.52	5.9	6.06	6.3	W'ton-on-Nze	11.13	3.9	11.32	4.0
Leith	1.49	5.1	2.08	5.4					

Noon today



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THE TIMES

TUESDAY DECEMBER 28 1993

Jockeys suspended after King George VI Chase is decided in pulsating finish

Ban spoils Maguire's thrilling win

Barton Bank, the eventual winner, leads Bradbury Star over the final fence in the King George VI Tripleprint Chase at Kempton Park yesterday. Photograph: Julian Herbert

BY RICHARD EVANS AND JULIAN MUSCAT

THE most exciting finish in years to the King George VI Tripleprint Chase at Kempton Park was tainted yesterday by suspensions imposed on the two jockeys involved. Barton Bank, ridden by Adrian Maguire, beat Bradbury Star, partnered by Declan Murphy, by a head in a thrilling duel loudly cheered by a huge crowd.

Maguire and Murphy were called before the stewards and found guilty of improper riding and using their whips with "unreasonable frequency." Both were given a two-day suspension, effective on January 5 and 6. The ban spoilt what was an otherwise perfect day for Maguire. Having won an earlier hurdle race on Child Of The Mist, the big-race success provided him with his hundredth win of the season.

Maguire, who has enjoyed a meteoric rise to fame since he first rode in Britain as an amateur in 1991, said: "Every young jockey has big dreams and that is what keeps them going. Racing is a great game when it works like this."

David Nicholson, the trainer of Barton Bank, paid his stable jockey the highest compliment. "I have only been in racing since 1945 but he is the best I have seen," he said.

The Bank holiday crowd was treated to an outstanding day's sport with a series of tight finishes. Shujan, onwed by Sir Eric Parker, beat a field of leading novice hurdlers to justify favouritism in the opening race and is now on course for the Cheltenham festival, while See More Indians and Bas De Laine proved themselves leading novice chasers and seem destined for further honours.

Not to be outdone on a memorable afternoon, Wolverhampton racecourse made history by staging the first race under floodlights in Britain. The inevitably-named Musco Lighting First Ever Floodlit Race in Great Britain took place on the new all-weather track, and contrived a nail-biting finish in which Petraco, trained by Nigel Smith, held off Strip Cartoon by a short head.

The fixture, the first at Wolverhampton since its £15.7 million facelift, was attended by a crowd in excess of 10,000, compared with an average Boxing Day gallery of 6,500. Although some jockeys faulted aspects of the surface, the lights drew praise from those riding under them.

Paul Eddery, who rode Last Straw, said afterwards: "The light was brilliant. I've ridden at Happy Valley in Hong Kong before and these lights are as good, if not better, than those. In the circumstances I thought the day went well."

The principal race at Wetherby, the Rowland Meyrick Chase, was won by General Pershing, who gave a determined display of front-running to defeat the favourite, Mr Boston.

It was, though, a day of starkly contrasting fortunes for General Pershing's trainer, Gordon Richards. He initiated a double with the progressive novice chaser One Man, but lost Last 'O' The Bunch, the winner of 15 races, who had to be put down after fracturing a shoulder in the three-runner Supermaster Handicap Chase.

One Man's immediate objective is the valuable West Of Scotland Pattern Novices' Chase at Ayr next month, a race Richards won last year with Whispering Steel.

Four of yesterday's ten scheduled meetings were lost to the weather. While Sedgefield was abandoned due to frost and snow on Sunday, Wincanton was not called off until 1pm yesterday. The cards at Ayr and Hereford were lost to the frost after early morning inspections.

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Freezing weather takes toll of holiday fixtures

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

ASTON Villa's FA Carling Premiership match with Manchester City was the most prominent casualty of the freezing weather which disrupted the sporting programme yesterday. The Scottish League fixture list was the most severely affected.

Spectators braved the chilly weather in large numbers to attend the football matches that went ahead, with several kick-offs delayed by congestion at the turnstiles.

Typical were the scenes at Deepdale, where Preston North End's match against Chester City attracted 12,790, the largest crowd of the season in the Endsleigh Insurance third division.

Less fortunate were Crewe Alexandra, the third division leaders, who were left to kick their heels when their Gresty Road pitch was declared unfit for the match against Wigan. The match between Chesterfield and Doncaster was another casualty. The game between Bristol Rovers and Reading in the second division failed to go ahead at frost-bound Twerton Park.

The premier division matches between Kilmarnock and Dundee, Raith and St Johnstone and Motherwell and Celtic were postponed in Scotland, where all six matches in the first division was called off, along with four in the second division. Huntly's Tennents Cup first-round replay against Albion yet again fell victim to the freezing conditions.

The Stones Bitter Championship rugby league match between Leigh and Sheffield was not played and the rugby union programme was severely hit.

Any notion that the weather in Australia would be perfect for sunbathing and watching cricket was banished by rain that washed out the second day of the first Test against South Africa in Melbourne.

Norwich strike blow for football morality

Simon Barnes sees justice done as an offside trap is sprung by a combination of rare speed and skill

FOOTBALL is uncharacteristically inward-looking at the moment, as the eternal Fashanu case rumbles on. Perhaps we should expand the debate and consider the sainted offside trap. Does the offside trap represent a kind of moral vacuum in football?

The offside trap is legally inviolate and morally bankrupt. It is like giving all your worldly gifts to the poor and then successfully accusing the poor of theft. I have thought long and hard about ways of destroying the offside trap, though I have never come up with anything as splendid as Norwich produced at Tottenham Hotspur yesterday.

One of my ideas is to locate a sniper in the rafters to shoot down flag-happy linesmen. Another is to change the practice and insist that linesmen wave their flags when a player is *onside*. It is clear that what linesmen like best is waving flags ("being in the game"), so this simple move would automatically give the attacker the benefit of the doubt.

Offside is a transcendently irritating rule. It is the only real artificiality in a gorgeously-natural, non-contrived game. Yet the exploitation of the offside laws through the dreaded offside trap has created the feeblest possible method of defence. If the offside trap cannot be legislated out of the game, it needs players who can take it on and expose its utter moral poverty.

Norwich did this sumptuously as they beat Tottenham 3-1 yesterday. It is easy to beat the offside trap, apparently. All you need is the acceleration of Linford Christie and the ball control of Stephen Hendry. Speed and control: hard enough to find on their own; find the two together and defences get frightened and offside traps get sprung.

Ruel Fox has both, so does Efan Ekoku, and the pair of them were able to destroy Tottenham's offside trap and inspire Norwich to a 2-0 lead at half-time. Sutton, an England Under-21 international who shows every sign of training on, started and finished the first goal: he held the ball up first, Megson's pass and Fox's twin virtues of speed and control burst the offside trap and in came Sutton again, haring through to sidefoot home Fox's cross in the 26th minute.

Sutton: thoroughbred

Megson's pass beat the offside trap again five minutes later and Ekoku showed his own speed and control as he ran onto it. With Thorstvedt in the Tottenham goal anticipating the cross, Ekoku put the ball in by the near post.

Tottenham came storming back after half-time and pulled one back with a nicely-clipped rising shot from Barmby with 17 minutes left. They then threw everything forward and, in the end, Ekoku caught them on the break with his huge, ground-eating stride. His shot was saved, but Sutton pushed away the rebound for his second and that was that.

The thing about the offside trap is that mostly it works and mostly it makes bad football. Defence is based not on solid worth but on the exploitation of a legal loophole. Attack against an offside trap is generally based on a fast ball through or over the advancing back four. Footling stuff.

If the offside trap always encouraged such wit, and such inventiveness to combat it, I would be all in favour of it, but mostly it makes for dire football. Yesterday, for once, football showed its abhorrence of a moral vacuum.

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR (4-4-2): E Thorstvedt — M Hazard, C Calderwood, S Sedgley, J Edinburgh — D Kerslake, J Dozzell, N Barmby, V Samways — D Anderton, D Caskey.

NORWICH CITY (3-5-2): B Gunn — I Butterworth, C Woodthorpe, I Culverhouse — R Fox (sub: R Ullathorne, 84min), R Newman, G Megson, I Crook, M Bowen — E Ekoku, G Sutton.

Referee: A Gunn.

Campbell's hat-trick destroys Swindon

Swindon Town	0
Arsenal	4

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

SEVEN days before Christmas, Swindon still looked up at the FA Carling Premiership with confidence. Although bottom of the table, nine points from seven matches carried good tidings. Two days after Christmas, like the skeletal turkey and stale peanuts at home, it had all gone off. Arsenal came, saw and conquered at the County Ground yesterday, with elegant ease. Swindon must start from scratch.

Assisted by Kevin Campbell's hat-trick, Arsenal moved up to fourth place in the Premiership, still 16 points adrift of Manchester United, the champions, and still light years away from any realistic title challenge. If only the verve and vibrancy of their performance yesterday could be reproduced more regularly, they might well feature in the end-of-season festivities.

"We should have doubled the score," George Graham, the Arsenal manager, said. "Coming down to a little county town like this, we had to make sure our preparation was exactly right and it was. Our attitude was excellent."

For Swindon, the recently rose-tinted future now seems as bleak as the bitter Wiltshire weather.

A static back four, too fond of the offside trap by far, played into Arsenal's hands. The trap, a defensive device fraught with danger on the frosty surface, made turning with poise into an art form — and one with which Arsenal coped more comfortably. Time and again, they pierced the rigid red line and although often attracting the unwelcome attentions of the flag-waving linesmen, two successful ventures were enough to give them a healthy half-time lead.

Parlour, a busy influence throughout, created the first goal in the eighteenth minute, when he sent Wright scampering clear. The England striker unselfishly squared the ball for Campbell to initiate his treble.

Premiership

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Man Utd	22	16	5	1	44	18	53
Leeds	22	11	7	4	37	25	40
Blackburn	21	11	6	4	29	18	39
Arsenal	22	10	7	5	24	13	37
Newcastle	21	10	6	5	38	20	36
Norwich	20	9	7	4	33	22	34
QPR	21	10	4	7	36	28	34
Liverpool	21	9	5	7	33	28	32
Aston Villa	21	8	7	6	24	23	31
Ipswich	22	7	9	6	31	25	30
West Ham	22	8	6	8	19	28	30
Wimbledon	21	7	7	7	24	28	28
Sheff Wed	21	6	9	6	37	29	27
Tottenham	22	6	9	7	30	27	27
Coventry	21	8	6	6	28	26	27
Everton	21	7	4	10	20	28	25
Man City	21	4	7	10	19	27	19
Oldham	22	4	7	11	15	34	19
Sheff Utd	22	3	9	10	18	33	18
Southampton	22	5	2	15	22	34	17
Chelsea	20	3	6	11	13	25	15
Swindon	22	2	8	12	19	47	14

Not including last night's match: Everton v Sheffield Wednesday

Eight minutes later, Wright played provider again, his precise pass splitting the anchored Swindon rearguard and allowing Campbell the cleanest of paths through.

John Gorman, the Swindon manager, was understandably annoyed at his players' ill-judged tactics. "I don't believe in playing offside," he said. "I didn't give my players any instructions to play it and it made me angry because we were punished twice for doing it.

"Players do it sometimes and it's always a risk, especially against a team of Arsenal's calibre."

Swindon absorbed Arsenal's early second-half thrusts, and even managed to create several chances themselves, but it was all too brief; nothing more than a speck of hope that was swiftly extinguished by a third Arsenal strike in the 67th minute.

Wright released Parlour along the right and he delayed his pass until Campbell had moved into position. Unguarded three yards out, he sidefooted in.

With only one win in their previous five matches, Arsenal were afforded the rare luxury of pressing cruise control and Wright added the cream topping to a sumptuous display.

Despite standing 35 yards out and with Digby barely off his line, Wright spotted the merest hint of a gap towards the top left-hand corner of the net. He looked up, struck a beautifully flighted lob and stood back in self-admiration as the ball defied Digby's flailing arms for his twentieth goal of the season. "A moment of genius," Graham said. A Christmas cracker indeed, worthy of replay after replay on the new video.

SWINDON TOWN (4-4-2): F Digby — T Fenwick, A Whitbread, S Taylor, R Horlock — C Maskell, J Moncur, M Ling, P Bodin (sub: N Summerbee, 63min) — A Mutch (sub: J A Fjortoft 72), K Scott.

ARSENAL (4-4-2): D Seaman — L Dixon, A Adams (sub: M Keown, 83), S Bould, N Winterburn — R Parlour (sub: P Merson, 83), J Jansen, D Hillier, E McGoldrick — K Campbell, I Wright.

Referee: S Lodge

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Experience of May too much for Exiles

Llanelli 38
London Welsh 13

BY GERALD DAVIES

SADLY, this fixture is not what it was. In the late Sixties and early Seventies, a capacity crowd of 16,000 could be guaranteed, some 4,000 programmes would be sold and the car park would need to be manned at 10am. As it was the time for expatriates to be at home, it represented an extraordinary occasion of homecoming, another welcoming reunion.

A tough and entertaining contest was assured, but London Welsh are no longer of that ilk, languishing in the lower reaches of the Courage Clubs Championship. They lost this match against a largely inexperienced Llanelli

May: influential

team by four goals and two tries to two tries and a penalty. The club may be reminded every weekend, as they contemplate the new names and new venues of their fixture list, that the heights to which they once aspired and often reached are no longer attainable.

This match indicated for Welshmen the changing nature of a game which the visitors have not won since 1972. Neil Kinnock, who is a regular visitor to the London Welsh club, wrote in the programme: "Nowadays, members at the Old Deer Park are issued with a map, compass and iron rations before boarding the bus to North Walsham and beyond."

There are compensations, he felt, in that such directions may be accompanied by the name of a suitably convenient hostelry or two, like the Cat and Fiddle, which is to be found 100 yards beyond Tabard RFC. Contributing to some good food guide is fine, but London Welsh would rather be good at rugby. Llanelli and the rest of Wales would also like them to be so.

Nearly 3,000 turned up at Stradey Park. London Welsh began well enough, exhibiting exuberance and enthusiasm. They ran the ball at Llanelli, who were initially made to look weighed down with the season's festivities. This resulted in a try by Herbert and a penalty by Richard Walters. All Llanelli seemed capable of doing was making mistakes.

The team was full of under-21 players, with one or two with more experience, like Phil May, strategically placed alongside them. These days May is the commercial and general manager but his influence in the middle of the lineout yesterday managed to tip matters Llanelli's way, allowing his team to respond with tries either side of half-time.

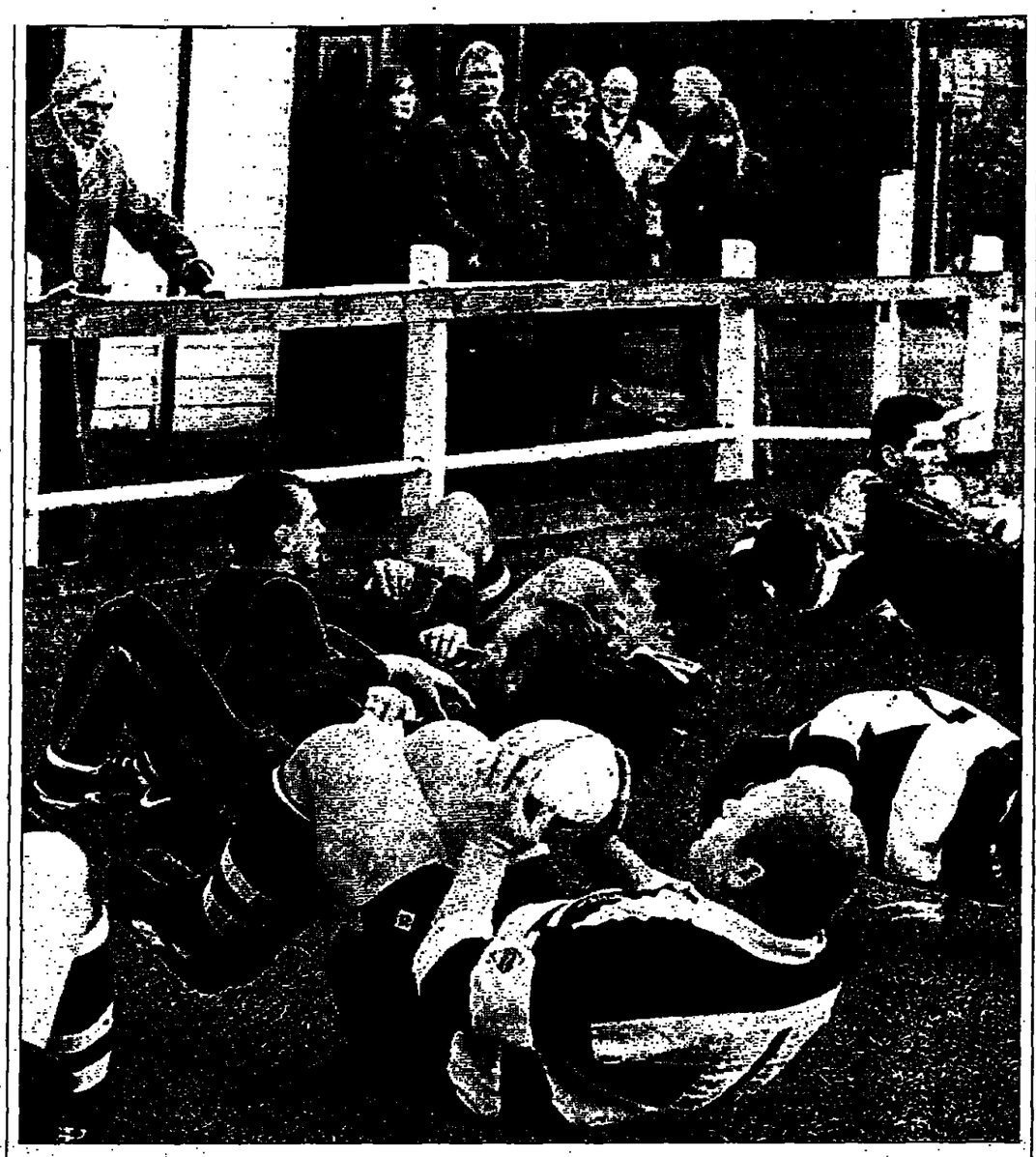
Much of the game's interest centred around the fitness of Emyr Lewis and Ieuan Evans, who had been out of action for five and eight weeks respectively, and whose presence for Wales is crucial in the five nations' championship.

After Justin Thomas had scored on the half-time whistle, Lewis showed that he was fully recovered from his neck injury by making a typical charge of 50 metres, from which Rhys Jones scored.

After Swinderland had scored for the visitors, the next two tries were scored by Lewis himself. Not to be left out of proceedings, Evans proved he had overcome his ankle injury by sprinting 50 metres for his try.

All these tries involved some wonderful passing and support from the home team. For the last, by contrast, Ian Jones carved a huge gap in midfield to score a fine solo try. Stephens converted the last four tries.

SCORERS: Llanelli: Tries: Lewis (2), Thomas, R Jones, Evans, I Jones. Conversions: C Stephens (4). London Welsh: Tries: Herbert, A Swinderland. Penalty: R Walters.
LLANELLI: J Thomas; I Evans, S Davies, M Wintle, I Wyn Jones; C Stephens H Harries; R Jones, P Young, S John, E Lewis, P May, P Jones, G Jones, P Pook. Davies replaced by W Booth (62min); P Jones replaced by S Johnson (45).
LONDON WELSH: R Walters; P Walters, T Pike, G Laleu, A Swinderland; R Phillips, R Nicholas; M Pritchard, S Lister, M Herbert, C Charvis, G Peacock. J Fletcher, A Newcombe, R Westlake. Nicholas replaced by A Thomas (45).
Referee: P Morgan (Bridgend).



Watching the players train was the nearest Coventry's supporters came to any rugby union action yesterday (Peter Bills writes). The traditional holiday match against Moseley was called off half an hour before the scheduled start when the captains disagreed about the fitness of the pitch.

Barry Evans, of Coventry, thought it was playable. Bob Harknett, his opposite number, disagreed, so the match was postponed with over a thousand spectators already inside the ground. "It's disgraceful, really, to have left it so late," Evans said. "With hindsight, it should have been called off at 10am. However, if it had been a league match, I think the game would have gone ahead." The pitch had been covered by plastic sheeting overnight in an effort to guarantee the match, which will now be played tomorrow afternoon, with free admission for those who paid yesterday.

Leicester relish Barbarians' visit

BY DAVID HANDS AND ALAN LORIMER

WHEN Leicester had completed their last match at Welford Road, against Bristol on December 11, Ian Smith expressed his disappointment that they had been forced to rely on penalties for victory. Smith, Leicester's coach, should be a happier man after the traditional holiday game against the Barbarians today, a fixture that has averaged eight tries a game in the last five years.

"It's becoming increasingly hard to score tries, but it's down to the players and coaches to devise ploys to break down defences and create havoc," Smith said. Scoring tries is easier, of course, if the opposition approach the game in a positive vein and the Barbarians will let few of the near-16,000 crowd down in that respect, even though they have been forced to make two changes: Rob Wainwright is required in Scotland's A international against Ireland today and his place in the back row goes to Chris Sheasby, while Philippe Saint-André reluctantly concedes his place on the wing to Jonathan Sleighthoime.

Saint-André is required by Montferrand, his club, but his French colleague, Patrice Lagisquet, is still expected. He may not add to his 45 international caps, but Lagisquet, the Bayonne Express, is still a formidable opponent; Rory Underwood has little hestitation in describing him as the most difficult wing he has played against.

With the five nations' championship beginning in just over a fortnight, the A international match between Scotland and Ireland today assumes an extra order of importance. Scotland's inadequacies were mercilessly exposed against New Zealand last month and it will therefore probably be the Scots who have a greater idea of what they want to gain from this encounter.

Scotland also had a pre-Christmas match against Italy in Rovigo, where they lost 18-15 in a desperately unsatisfactory game that looked as though the Scotland threequarters had been denied an entry visa to any aspect of play. Nevertheless, Scotland have chosen the four threequarters who finished that game, which means that Derek Stark, a replacement in the second half for the injured Michael Dods, continues the recovery programme that could bring him back into the Scotland team to face Wales on 15 January.

Otley taken down a peg by in-form neighbours

Otley 15
Leeds 23

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

THIS was the stuff of wholehearted Bank Holiday fare: an enterprising and highly entertaining encounter, bristling with five well-taken tries, which hung in the balance till the final moments, and deservedly ended in the senior side being taken down a peg by their neighbours.

As local rivalries go, it has been one of the shortest. In their only previous meeting, in the third division of the Courage Clubs Championship last season, Otley won 60-0.

Their promotion was not matched by the new Leeds club, an amalgamation of Headingley and Roundhay, whose inaugural year ended in relegation.

Below mid-table in the fourth division, Leeds' ambitions of becoming Yorkshire's premier club appear something of a pipe-dream right now. Otley have emerged from relative obscurity in recent years to cream off some of the county's best players, although at Cross Green yesterday their concentration and commitment were nowhere near that of makeshift opponents.

In scoring two first-half tries by Henry and Hoskins, Otley possessed the pace and incisiveness to open up the visitors, but would persist after the interval on probing the blind side, when no obvious options existed.

The support play of Henry and deft handling by the backs ensured Otley of a 12-8 lead at the break. A penalty by Colquhoun apart, however, the home side were out-fought and out-thought for virtually the entire second half, which brought Leeds a further two touchdowns.

On a snow-speckled pitch, and in taking an ankle-high pass, Eagle did well to remain upright for the first. Otley appeared to have contained the threat of Thornton down the right when the ball rebounded back infield and the initiative and footballing skills of Hartley left the second division side without much hope.

SCORERS: Otley: Tries: Henry, Hoskins Conversion: Colquhoun. Penalty goal: Colquhoun. Leeds: Tries: Griffin, Eagle, Hartley. Conversion: Breakwell. Penalty goals: Breakwell (2).
OTLEY: I Colquhoun, M Hoskins, J Flint, J Overend, S Atkinson; R Petyt, M Farrar; G Demaine, S Rush, C Baldwin, I Spence, I Carroll, S Wilson, A Hargreaves, S Henry.
LEEDS: D Breakwell; C Thornton, W Hartley, G Cassidy, J Eagle; D Lowther, J Swarbrick; D Hales, R Wollaston, A Machell, P Griffin, I Hill, A Fraser, N Hargreaves, M Freer.
Referee: B Campsall (Yorkshire).

Newport's injured return to inspire fine show

Newport 53
Bristol 7

BY A CORRESPONDENT

NEWPORT may not have been included in the initial negotiations for an Anglo-Welsh Cup between the top eight clubs in England and Wales, but at Rodney Parade yesterday they served adequate notice that more prosperous times are on the way.

Despite suffering an injury crisis that has seen 12 first-team players on the treatment table since the beginning of the campaign, Newport are almost back to full strength.

Against a depleted Bristol team without six or seven of their Courage Clubs Championship side, they ruled from start to finish, running in eight tries and were never forced to defend with urgency. Mike Voyle, one of those missing for most of the season with injury, marked his return from a broken hand by giving Newport the lead.

David Rees kicked a penalty before Chris Wyatt scored a try on the half-hour. Rees, with a try of real quality, and another score from David Llewellyn, the scrum half, added to Newport's try tally. Newport's 27-point advantage at the interval became 34 when James Alvis went over, unopposed, for Rees to convert.

Alvis, the former Bristol prop, might have been penalised for offside, but he gratefully accepted the loose ball for the most popular try of the afternoon. A rare Bristol attack saw Derek Eves cross for a try converted by Mark Tainton, the fly half, but Newport were soon celebrating yet another try, this time from Duncan Hughes who ran 50 metres to score between the posts.

A break out from their own 22 saw Newport construct a passing move of real quality and when Jason Williams collected the ball on Bristol's 22 he cut inside, chipped over the retreating defence and collected to score.

In the final minute, Mike Puddy finished another high quality move by Newport to bring up the half-century.

SCORERS: Newport: Tries: Voyle, Wyatt, Rees, D Llewellyn, Alvis, Hughes, Williams, Puddy. Conversions: Rees (5). Penalty: Rees. Bristol: Try: Eves. Conversion: Tainton.
NEWPORT: D Rees, M Puddy, D Hughes, M Yendle, M Llewellyn, J Williams, D Llewellyn, A Dibble, I Jones, J Alvis, C Wyatt, M Voyle (rep: D Waters, 40min), C Scott, R Goodey, B Watkins.
BRISTOL: P Hull, A J Williams, R Knibbs, D Wring, B Whitehead, M Tainton, B Harvey, A Oedemfr, A Lathrope, P Smith, M Skues, M Fountaine, D A Williams, S Morgan, D Eves (captain).
Referee: T Rowlands (Treorchy).

TODAY'S FIXTURES

3.0 kick-off unless stated

FOOTBALL

FA Carling Premiership
Chelsea v Newcastle
Coventry v Ipswich
Liverpool v Wimbledon
Man City v Southampton
West Ham v Tottenham (all ticket)

Endsleigh Insurance League
First division
Birmingham v West Brom
Bristol City v Notts Forest
Derby v Leicester
Notts County v Barnsley
Portsmouth v Bolton
Sunderland v Millwall
Watford v Peterborough
Wolverhampton v Oxford Utd

Second division
Blackpool v York
Huddersfield v Cardiff
Hull v Hartlepool
Plymouth v Fulham
Reading v Stockport
Rotherham v Bournemouth
Wrexham v Bristol Rovers

Third division
Carlisle v Crewe
Chester v Gillingham
Doncaster v Darlington
Mansfield v Hereford
Scarborough v Colchester
Scunthorpe v Chesterfield
Wigan v Walsall
Wycombe v Rochdale
POSTPONED: Shrewsbury v Lincoln.

Scottish League
Second division
Berwick v Queen of the South (7.30)

DIADORA LEAGUE: First division: Leyton v Barking (12.0). Third division: Oxford City v Bracknell Town (7.30).

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES: First division: Bacup Borough v Clitheroe; Kidsgrove Athletic v Maine Road; Prescot v Burscough

RUGBY UNION

International Match
Scotland A v Ireland A (2.0) (at Hughenden)

Club Matches
Bradford and Bingley v Keighley (2.30)
Leicester v Barbarians (2.45)
Swansea v South Wales Police (2.30)

RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Bitter Championship
Leigh v Sheffield
Widnes v Warrington

Second division
Whitehaven v Workington (2.0)
Keighley v Huddersfield (2.30)
Barrow v Carlisle (2.0)

Silk Cut Challenge Cup
Second round
Shaw Cross v Thatto Heath (2.0)

OTHER SPORT

HOCKEY: Festival match: President's XI v Cream (Peaches Close, 11.0).

FOR THE RECORD

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

BLUE-GRAY ALL-STAR GAME: Gray 17 Blue 10 (in Montgomery, Alabama).

ALOHA BOWL: Colorado 41 Fresno State 30 (in Honolulu).

ATHLETICS

PARIS: Houlihe cross country race: Men (9.5km): 1, K Stah (Mor), 25min 29sec; 2, A Abebe (Eth), 26.46; 3, S Hissou (Mor), 26.55. Women (6.3km): 1, S Kouhel (Mor), 21.08; 2, I K Gras (Fr), 21.34; 3, M Javarzac (Fr), 21.56

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Cleveland Cavaliers 107 Indiana Pacers 103 (OT); New Jersey Nets 91 Atlanta Hawks 87; Miami Heat 109 Sacramento Kings 85; Golden State Warriors 108 Portland Trail Blazers 105 (OT). San Antonio Spurs 99 Boston Celtics 85; Denver Nuggets 100 Minnesota Timberwolves 97, Houston Rockets 118 Los Angeles Lakers 93.

CRICKET

CASTLE CUP (first day of four): Johannesburg: Eastern Province 160; Transvaal 14-0. Durban: Natal 246-6 (N E Wright 82, D J Watson 57) v Northern Transvaal. East London: Boland 238-4 (P A J DeFreitas 103 not out, T N Lazard 89 not out) v Border.

TOUR MATCH: Colombo: England Under-19 191; Colombo and District 171-7 (T J Mason 3-47).

CYCLING

CYCLO-CROSS: Spectus Supacross (Macclesfield, 12 miles): 1, R Hammond (VC Bad) 58min 31sec; 2, R Thackray (Bradford Olympic RC) at 38sec; 3, S Douce (PCA) at 52.

Gemini BC Festival Cross (Footscray, Kent, 13.5 miles): 1, S Blunt (Wembley RC) 1hr 04min 00sec; 2, P Rice (Army CC) at 1min, 3, B Curtis (Festival RC) at 1:15 Belper RC (Shipley Country Park, Heanor, 8 miles): 1, D Baker (Team Raleigh) 49:00; 2, A Timmis (Raleigh) at 40sec; 3, J Gould (Aps Rt) at 3min 01sec.

Crabtwood CC (Tatchbury Mount, Southampton, 8.5 miles): 1, J Norfolk (VC St Raphael) 56:34; 2, L Lloyd (Didcot Phoenix) at 2:34; 3, M Lloyd (Didcot Phoenix) at 3:18.

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ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE (NHL): Hartford Whalers 3 Ottawa 2 (OT); New York Islanders 4 Buffalo Sabres 3 (OT); St Louis Blues 3 Chicago Black Hawks 2; New York Rangers 8 New Jersey Devils 3, Florida 3 Tampa Bay 1; Washington Capitals 7 Pittsburgh Penguins 3; Los Angeles Kings 3 Anaheim 2.
OSTRAVA, Czech Republic: World junior championships: Russia 5 Czech Republic 1. Finland 5 United States 2, Sweden 4 Germany 1; Canada 5 Switzerland 1.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Abertillery 23 Ebbw Vale 3, Bedford 83 Old Paulines 12; Camborne 12 Redruth 9; Cardiff 35 Pontypridd 13, Cheltenham 20 Stroud 8, Durham City 3 Stockton 17, Glamorgan Wanderers 3 Newbridge 42; Gloucester 22 Lydney 3; Harrogate 10 Kendal 12, Havant 35 Bournemouth 12; Hereford 3 Luctonians 17, Loughame 0 Tonbry Utd 25, Llanelli 36 London Welsh 13; London Irish 85 Milhillians 24; Musselburgh 36 Preston Lodge 11; Narberth 17 Whitland 3; Neath 23 Aberavon 3; Newport 53 Bristol 7; Northern 7 Newcastle Gosforth 51, Otley 15 Leeds 23, Rhiwbina 3 Mountain Ash 27; Richmond 49 Harlequins 24; West Hartlepool 17 Hartlepool Rovers 3; Wigtownshire 8 Kilmarnock 3. Match postponed: Coventry v Moseley (to be played Wednesday). Matches cancelled: Aspatria v Wigton, Ayr v Dalkeith, Bath v Clifton, Birkenhead Park v Waterloo, Birmingham/Solihull v Stourbridge, Bradford and Bingley v Morley, Currie v Boroughmuir, Gala v Melrose, Glasgow Academicals v Glasgow High/Kelvinside, Heriot's FP v Watsonians, Jed-Forest v Hawick, Lichfield v Tamworth, Maesteg v Bridgend, Nuneaton v Rugby, Orrell v Liverpool St Helens, Ponypool v Tredegar, Preston Grasshoppers v Fylde, Sale v Broughton Park, Selkirk v Kelso.
SWALEC CUP: FOURTH ROUND: Old Penarthians 9 Seven Sisters 20. Match postponed: Oakdale v Bulth Wells.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Bitter Championship
Premier division
Match postponed: Leigh v Sheffield (to be played today).
Second division
Match postponed: Batley v Dewsbury (to be played tomorrow)

TENNIS

MIAMI BEACH, Florida: Orange Bowl: Boys 16: Singles: A Costa (Sp) bt R Carretero (Sp) 7-5, 6-2. Doubles: Prieto (Arg) and Szymenski (Ven) bt Delgado (GB) and Behr (Isr) 0-6, 6-3, 6-2. Boys 18: Singles: M Zabaleta (Arg) bt J-F Bachelot (Fr) 6-4, 7-6. Girls 16: Singles: A Montolio (Sp) bt S Jayasekera (Can) 6-7, 6-1, 6-1. Doubles: Pastor (Fr) and Randrianasy (Madagascar) bt Cristea (Rom) and Soreithonb (US) 3-8, 7-5, 6-3. Girls 16: Singles: S Reissli (US) bt T Jecmenica (Yug) 6-2, 6-3.

Snow Reports

	Depth (cm) L	U	Conditions Piste	Off/p	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm)	°C	Last snow
AUSTRIA								
Igls	25	70	good	powder	closed	cloud	3	26/12
Good skiing on open runs above the mid station								
Kitzbühel	35	75	good	powder	good	snow	3	27/12
Good skiing in all areas								
Mayrhofen	15	55	good	heavy	closed	cloud	9	26/12
Recent snow has improved piste conditions								
Obergurgl	55	85	good	powder	fair	fair	7	26/12
Best piste skiing in Hochgurgl								
FRANCE								
Chamonix	120	340	good	powder	fair	sun	1	25/12
Superb piste skiing in all areas								
Flaine	100	170	good	powder	good	sun	10	26/12
Most links open, great powder skiing								
Isola	30	65	good	powder	good	sun	4	26/12
Excellent skiing everywhere								
Megève	110	170	good	powder	good	sun	5	25/12
Near perfect skiing conditions								
La Plagne	150	300	good	powder	good	sun	12	25/12
Fantastic powder skiing under blue sky								
Val Thorens	130	330	good	powder	good	sun	10	26/12
Simply superb skiing with sunshine and fresh snow								
SWITZERLAND								
Cr Montana	70	120	powder	powder	powder	sun	6	25/12
Fantastic skiing in brilliant sunshine								
Verbier	40	250	good	powder	good	fine	5	26/12
Glorious powder skiing under sunny skies								
Wengen	30	65	good	powder	good	fine	4	26/12
Superb skiing on and off piste								
Zermatt	35	160	good	powder	fair	fine	8	25/12
Good skiing in all areas								

Source: Ski Club of Great Britain. L - lower slopes; U - upper; art - artificial.

POOLS FORECAST

Saturday January 1

FA PREMIERSHIP
X A Villa v Blackburn
2 Everton v West Ham
2 Ipswich v Liverpool
X Man Utd v Leeds
1 Newcastle v Man City
2 QPR v Sheff Wed
1 Sheff Utd v Oldham
X South'pton v Norwich
1 Swindon v Chelsea
1 Tottenham v Coventry
1 Wimbledon v Arsenal

FIRST DIVISION
2 Barnsley v Portsmouth
1 Bolton v Notts Co
X Grimsby v Bristol C
1 Leicester v Sunderland
1 Millwall v C Palace
1 Notts F v Charlton
X Oxford v Middlesbro
2 Peterborough v Wolves
1 Southend v Birmingham
X Stoke v Derby
1 Tranmere v Watford
1 West Brom v Luton

SECOND DIVISION
2 Bourn'm'th v Plymouth
2 Bradford v Wrexham
1 Brighton v Cambridge
1 Bristol R v Swansea
1 Burnley v Blackpool
2 Cardiff v Reading
1 Exeter v Hull
2 Fulham v Brentford
1 Hartlepool v Rotherham
1 Leyton O v Huddersfld
2 York v Port Vale

Not on coupons: Stockport v Barnet

THIRD DIVISION
X Chest'field v Shrewsbury
2 Colchester v Chester
1 Crewe v Doncaster
1 Darlington v Wigan
2 Gillingham v Bury
X Hereford v Carlisle
1 Lincoln v Scarborough
X Preston v Scunthorpe
1 Rochdale v North'pton
1 Torquay v Mansfield
1 Walsall v Wycombe

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE
X Accrington v Emley
1 Barrow v Whitley Bay
1 Boston v Gainsboro
2 Chorley v Frickley

SCOTTISH PREMIER
1 Celtic v Rangers
X Dundee v Aberdeen
2 Hearts v Hibernian
1 Kilmarnock v Motherwell
1 Raith v Partick
2 St Johnstn v DundeeU

SCOTTISH FIRST
1 Airdrie v Hamilton
X Brechin v Dunf'mline
X Clyde v Ayr

Not on coupons: Dumbarton v Clydebank; Falkirk v Stirling; St Mirren v Morton

SCOTTISH SECOND
Not on coupons: Berwick v Meadowbank Thistle; East Fife v Cowdenbeath, East Stirling v Alloa; Forfar Athletic v Arbroath; Queen's Park v Albion; Stenhousemuir v Montrose; Stranraer v Queen of the South

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams): Aston Villa, Manchester United, Southampton, Grimsby, Oxford, Stoke, Chesterfield, Hereford, Accrington, Dundee, Brechin, Clyde.
BEST DRAWS: Southampton, Grimsby, Stoke, Chesterfield, Accrington.
AWAYS: Liverpool, Portsmouth, Wolves, Plymouth, Chester
HOMES: Newcastle, Tottenham, Bolton, Southend, Tranmere, Burnley, Hartlepool, Crewe, Darlington, Rochdale, Boston, Celtic.
FIXED ODDS: Homes: Newcastle, Tottenham, Tranmere, Burnley, Crewe Aways: Portsmouth, Wolves, Chester. Draws: Southampton, Stoke, Chesterfield

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ANSWERS TO THE SPORTS QUIZ

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Photographs: A: Dennis Oliver; B: Michelle Martin; C: Vintage Crop.
January: 1, Newton Abbot; 2, Ian Barclay, head coach at the Bisham Abbeyschool of excellence; 3, Danie Craven; 4, Because he had illegally glued the rubber onto his bat within the previous 24 hours. A chemist had warned the International Table Tennis Federation of the dangers of glue sniffing; 5, Because of violence between Muslims and Hindus; 6, Adnan Moorhouse; 7, Ian Hunter; 8, $500,000; 9, One run, 10, She was the first woman to appear in the annual men's basketball match; 11, Didier Aunol.
February: 12, Jim Courier; 13, Monica Seles; 14, Dallas Cowboys; 15, England; 16, 99; 17, Wales; 18, Umbro; 19, Graham Gooch, Mike Gatting and Robin Smith; 20, Four; 21, India 3 England 0; 22, Bobby Moore; 23, Nigel Walker.
March: 24, Brian Moore and Jason Leonard of Harlequins; 25, Women's coxless pairs and the men's coxed fours and pairs; 26, Ben Johnson; 27, Stuart Barnes, 28, Robert Hamilton-Jones; 29, The Princess Royal, 30, Harry "Butch" Reynolds, 31, Ghana, 32, Jodami, 33, For the first time both were staged at Wembley; 34, First; 35, Western Samoa; 36, The Cambridge University Boat Race crew. Present was the Oxford president
April: 37, Captain Keith Brown; 38, Esha Ness; 39, Peter Scudamore; 40, Ayrton Senna; 41, Bernhard Langer; 42, Vitaly Scherbo came from Belorus; 43, Eamonn Martin; 44, Nine hours. Her actual time was 8hr 54min 56sec; 45, Brian Clough; 46, Hamburg.
May: 47, On a golf course, where he was playing his son; 48, Stephen Hendry; 49, Welton Houdini; 50, Rebecca Stephens; 51, Craig McDermott; 52, 1-1; 53, Andy Linighan; 54, Steve Coppell of Crystal Palace; 55, Nuclear Electric; 56, Viv Richards; 57, Third
June: 58, Swindon Town; 59, Commander in Chief; 60, Graham Taylor, 61, Taylor used these words about Paul Gascoigne; 62, Eddie Van Hool, the British men's gymnastics coach; 63, Graham Gooch; 64, The Montreal Canadiens; 65, Harold Larwood, 66, Eddie Merckx; 67, Charles Barkley; 68, Wade Dooley, 69, Goran Ivanisevic, 70, Ted Dexter.
July: 71, Martina Navratilova; 72, Pete Sampras, 73, Women automatically took part in the regatta because it was a World Cup event. Women had participated previously, but only by invitation; 74, Pete Sampras, 75, Steffi Graf; 76, Geoff Cooke was talking about the British Lions after their defeat in the third international, so allowing the All Blacks to win the series 2-1, 77, Mike Tyson, 78, 63; 79, Norway; 80, Greg Norman; 81, Ian Botham; 82, 1991 and 1992
August: 83, New Zealand; 84, Robert Morgan; 85, Nick Gillingham, 86, Manchester United (on penalties), 87, Ted Dexter, 88, In bed at home with chickenpox; 89, Germany; 90, 0.01sec; 91, Graeme Obree; 92, Sandra Farmer-Patrick; 93, Tony Jarrett; 94, Graham Gooch; 95, Richard Phelps.
September: 96, The game produced 1,808 runs, a record for a first-class match in England, 97, Steve Cram; 98, 322, 99, Four; 100, Bernard Tapie, 101, Helena Sukova; 102, Glamorgan; 103, Third, 104, Four; 105, 15-13; 106, Levski Sofia.
October: 107, Nicola Fairbrother; 108, The seventh; 109, Andre Agassi; 110, It was a draw; 111, Ian Porterfield; 112, Ronald Koeman and Dennis Bergkamp; 113, The United States, 114, Ray Kennedy; 115, Great Britain; 116, Lennox Lewis, 117, US Women's Challenge; 118, Richard Nerurkar of Britain; 119, He crashed and was taken to hospital, suffering from a stiff neck and bruised right hip.
November: 120, Phil de Glanville; 121, Colin Jackson and Sally Gunnell, 122, Galatasaray of Turkey, 123, The Amateur Rowing Association; 124, Evander Holyfield; 125, Arthur Rowe; 126, Four; 127, Seven; 128, Darren Morgan, 129, Juha Konkkunen; 130, None; 131, Roberto Baggio.
December: 132, Russia; 133, Karen Pickering; 134, Gary Mabbutt; 135, Will Carling; 136, Three; 137, Oxford; 138, Synchronised swimming solo event; 139, Internationale of Milan; 140, Danny Blanchflower; 141, Illness to the England A team; 142, Nick Faldo; 143, London, Manchester and Sheffield; 144, Julio César Chávez

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 32

NABAL
(b) A rich but rude landowner, owner of thousands of sheep and goats in Carmel. His wife was the dishy Abigail. Nabal treated David's emissaries inhospitably. David gathered a posse of 400 to teach Nabal a lesson, but he was met on the way by Abigail, who appeased him and deterred him from unseemly slaughter. But God killed Nabal anyway, and philogamous David, predictably, married Abigail.
NAAMAN
(c) Syrian commander-in-chief, and a leper. His king sent him to Israel in search of a cure. Naaman was indignant: "Are not Abana and Pharphar, rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel?" But he was persuaded to be less chauvinistic, and was cured. On his way back to Damascus, he was overtaken by Elisha's servant Gehazi, who wheedled gifts out of him, pretending they would be distributed as alms. Gehazi was punished by catching Naaman's leprosy, and his story is the peg for a lavish landscape by Claude, now in the National Gallery, and by Joos de Momper in the Prado.
TABITHA
(a) (In Greek) Dorcas. A woman of Joppa, full of good works, who was restored to life by Peter after he was shown all the coats and other garments that she had made for others. Wherever a Dorcas is a sewing bee, or was, when people still sewed, on both sides of the Atlantic. Peter raising her from the dead is among in S. Maria del Carmine, Florence.
DEMAS
(a) One of Paul's recruits and companions. But he deserted Paul for love "of this present world" and departed for Thessalonica.

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE
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Newport's injured return to inspire fine show

Newport
Bristol

BY ... CORRESPONDENT

Pains and pleasures of life at the gallop

One of National Hunt racing's senior jockeys tells Alan Lee why he carries on in the sport despite its dangers and arduous daily routine

McNeill leaves the Hereford weighing-room before embarking on one of the 400 or so rides that he will have this season. Photograph: Paul Saunders/News Team

Among the many who regard horse racing as merely a plaything for the rich, there is a preconception of the jockey as a suntanned little man who darts from one Arab benefactor to another in his own private plane. Simon McNeill can tell a different story.

McNeill has been riding for almost 20 years without seeing the inside of either a private plane or an Arab's wallet and his face is more likely to be decorated with cuts and bruises.

He is the working man's jockey, skilled but unsung, in that area of the turf, National Hunt, where sport still intrudes upon business. For money alone, McNeill and his like surely would not put their brains and bodies through the daily purgatory of their perilous life? Jump jockeys do it because, to a man, they are in love with their job, though when the routine is related, you have to wonder why.

It is not just the public face of the work, though that is daunting enough. McNeill should ride in about 400 races this season (Adrian Maguire and Richard Dunwoody will total nearer 800) and, if 40 are winners, another 40 will assuredly be fallers. Injuries are an accepted penance, pain an irritation to be endured without complaint. "Very few jockeys wake up in the morning without something hurting," McNeill said.

Racegoers, both the avid and idle, see all this and, largely, appreciate the risk factor. What they do not see is the hidden workload of the winter game, for it is not simply a matter of turning up at the races each day, riding and going home to a decent supper. Even the supper has a price on its head and, if meeting the next day's racing weight is threatened, a slice of toast must suffice.

McNeill is 37, among the senior National Hunt jockeys but only recently among the more successful. For much of his career, launched with an initial winner at Wolverhampton in 1977, he was based in Newmarket, essentially Flat-racing territory. It was when he moved to live close to Lambourn that doors were opened to him, and when he won the Champion Chase on Katabatic in 1991 that his career belatedly took off.

His approach, however, has not altered. McNeill's first loyalty is to Andy Turnell, trainer of Katabatic, but he remains a freelance and, if anything, he is working harder now than ever before — a symptom, he says, of the competition within what he regards as the most talented and dedicated group of jockeys he has known. "The standard is very high now and it is harder to get good rides," he said.

There are two ways for a jockey to seek rides. One is through the agent, ubiquitous and accepted these days. Maguire heads a string of 11 talented jockeys in the stable of one young agent, Dave Roberts, who starts the business of finding them winners at 5am each day. McNeill has never enlisted an agent — "Old school, I suppose, but I prefer talking to trainers myself" — so, to compete, he has to be out of bed before dawn, too.

"The alarm goes off at 6.30 every morning. I ride out for at least one trainer every day of the week, including Sundays. There have to be priorities, and I will always be at Andy's on Tuesday and Friday, his schooling mornings. I will go one day to Kim Bailey and one to David Gandolfo, then fit the others in where I can."

This early-morning exercise is, for the jockey, a means of familiarising himself with horses and, frequently, ingratiating himself with trainers. But, to astonish those who believe nobody does anything for nothing, it is, at least at McNeill's level, voluntary and unpaid. "Some trainers might offer you a few quid petrol money and some might give you a good breakfast. Others will never even give you a ride."

The jumping season starts in August and, while daylight hours are long, so are the jockey's working hours. "I might ride out for three different trainers in a morning at that time of year. But now that the days are short, racing starts at about 12.30 each day and it is a case of rushing straight there after riding one lot. It also cuts back on what you can do in terms of training."

A WORKING LIFE IN SPORT

This is a word which might have been anathema to a previous generation of jump jockeys, highly talented riders but a breed whose motivation was sport in its broadest sense. When Josh Gifford, Terry Biddlecombe and Jeff King were the luminaries of the jumping weighing-room, many were the tales of all-night revelries from which jockeys would drive straight on to the following day's meeting, sometimes still in dinner jackets.

It doesn't happen any more, for all the urgings of Steve Smith Eccles, and McNeill, who is a far from unsociable man himself, feels the difference. "I have always tried to keep fit and have told any of the youngsters who will listen how important it is. I get fit for the season by cycling and swimming. Once racing is properly under way, time is the problem, but I still fit in a morning swim when I can, and do exercises when I get up if the body is not aching too much."

The gripe in every jump jockey's life is the travelling. Unlike their more pampered Flat colleagues, they must drive everywhere, and at the worst times of year, often when the body and the brain have been battered out of co-ordination. McNeill hates it. "I try not to think how many miles I do in a season," he says. "The worst days are when you drive a hundred miles or more and find a meeting has been abandoned. Nobody pays you for that."

His essential travelling companions are loud music and a mobile phone. "Virtually every jockey has one now and I honestly wonder how we managed without them. It will ring regularly on each journey and I have come to rely on it for planning my rides."

Within reason, McNeill will take whatever ride is offered, and he can still make the minimum weight of ten stone. "It's more of a struggle now. Perhaps it's my age but I have to work at it, maybe cutting out supper and certainly having a sweat. I will go in a sauna but I prefer sitting at home in a hot bath for 45 minutes. It does wrinkle you up, though."

The jump jockey receives £77 per ride, which McNeill considers very realistic, plus five per cent of any owner's winnings. He will never become fabulously wealthy, as Pat Eddery might be considered, but neither will he starve. Moreover, he will invariably be happy.

"There are a lot of downs and a lot of knocks in this job, but the ups take care of them all. Every winner is a real buzz and the feelings of friendship you build up are deep and lasting.

"It is a great life and I am not even thinking of giving up yet."

TOMORROW

Peter Ebdon, snooker player

Obree sets sights on regaining one-hour record

BY PETER BRYAN

GRAEME Obree, Britain's world pursuit champion, was quick to respond yesterday to the news that Francesco Moser, the great Italian cyclist, had scheduled an attempt to regain his world one-hour track record which stood for nine years before the Scot — then an amateur — broke it in Norway last July.

"That's good news. I hope he sets a new record," Obree said in response to the report in *The Times*. Obree held the record, with a distance of 51.596 kilometres, for only six days before Chris Boardman bettered his distance at Bordeaux.

Obree added that his priority in 1994 was to regain the record whether or not the Italian beat Boardman's distance of 52.270 kilometres.

Moser, 42, wants to celebrate the tenth anniversary of his record ride and has returned to Mexico City to prepare for an attempt on January 14 using the track where he set his 1983 distance. At the time, the distance was considered unbeatable.

The outdoor track has been resurfaced with a resin top coat — at the Italian's expense — to help increase his speed.

He is in Mexico with an entourage of doctors, coaches and mechanics to prepare for the attempt to regain the record.

Obree, who has trained in Milan with Moser, is flattered that the former holder will be using a bike designed to give him the "tucked in" arms position that the Scot has made his own trademark.

"What I don't like about his attempt is the fact that he will be doing it at altitude," commented Obree. "The world-controlling body no longer differentiates between sea level and altitude.

"Both Chris (Boardman) and I did our rides at sea level, but we beat Moser's altitude record as well as the sea level figures he set in Stuttgart.

"But it's unfair and expensive to give riders the option. There should be one allowable standard for everyone."

Obree will make his challenge at sea level. No date has been decided, but the track is likely to be chosen from Vienna, Stuttgart or Bordeaux and he is prepared to set aside two months for special training leading up to the attempt.

Chris Boardman has no immediate plans to respond to Moser should the Italian reclaim his record. He wants to concentrate on his new career as a professional cyclist.

Kramer leads Lions to place in play-offs

BY ROBERT KIRLEY

ERIK Kramer completed two touchdown passes on Sunday to lead the Detroit Lions to a 20-14 victory over the Chicago Bears, which, combined with New Orleans being defeated, enabled Detroit to secure a National Football League play-off berth.

Detroit will play host to the Green Bay Packers on Sunday on the last weekend of the regular season to determine the champion of the National Football Conference Central division. Kramer, making his third start since replacing Rodney Peete at quarterback, completed 23 of 31 passes for 223 yards.

Jim Harbaugh returned as quarterback for Chicago after missing a game with a bruised hand. After the Bears took a 14-13 lead, Kramer moved the Lions 80 yards in 12 plays to go 20-14 ahead. He completed six passes, highlighted by a one-yard touchdown toss to Ty Hallock with three minutes left.

Chicago advanced 65 yards after the opening kick-off to take a 7-0 lead. Tim Worley scored from the one-yard line on his twelfth carry during a 16-play drive that lasted more than ten mintues.

Detroit answered a scoring drive on their first series, but with Barry Sanders and Derrick Moore sidelined with injuries, Kramer relied on passes, hitting Brett Perriman with a 20-yarder to make it 7-7.

The Lions recovered a Chicago fumble at the Bears' 48 to set up a Jason Hanson field goal with 13:15 remaining in the third quarter. Kramer hit Aubrey Matthews with a 25-yard pass to the 27 before the drive stalled and Hanson kicked a 37-yarder to give Detroit a 13-7 lead.

At Philadelphia, Bubby Brister passed for two touchdowns and Eric Allen returned two interceptions for touchdowns to lead the Eagles to a 37-26 win over the Saints. Brister hit Michael Young with a 49-yard touchdown toss and connected with Herschel Walker on an 11-yard scoring pass in Philadelphia's 18-point second quarter. The Eagles kept alive their hopes of a wild-card play-off position. Despite suffering their fourth successive defeat, New Orleans also remained in the wild-card hunt.

At Green Bay, Sterling Sharpe, the wide receiver, set a league record and the Packers clinched their first play-off position since 1982 with a 28-0 win over the Los Angeles Raiders. Sharpe surpassed 100 receptions for the second straight season. Despite playing in sub-zero temperatures, he caught seven passes, including a 23-yard scoring strike from Brett Favre, giving him 106 for the season.

Steve Christie kicked a 40-yard field goal with less than four minutes to play to lift the Buffalo Bills to a 16-14 win over the New York Jets, giving the Bills their fifth divisional title in six years. The Jets had a chance to win the game, but Cary Blanchard missed a 42-yard field goal with 53 seconds left. The loss eliminated the Jets from play-off consideration.

Troy Aikman fired two touchdown passes in the final two minutes of the first half, leading Dallas to a 38-3 win over Washington and putting the Cowboys in a position to win their divisional championship next week.

Dallas and the New York Giants meet at Giants Stadium to determine who will gain home-field advantage for the duration of the play-offs. The Cowboys previously beat the Giants, so they can clinch with a win or a tie.

Ron Moore scored two second-half touchdowns to rally the Cardinals 17-6 and halt the Giants' winning sequence at six games.

NFL RESULTS AND TABLES

RESULTS: Week 17: Buffalo 16 NY Jets 14; Detroit 20 Chicago 14; Cincinnati 21 Atlanta 17; Green Bay 28 LA Raiders 0; New England 38 Indianapolis 0; Philadelphia 37 New Orleans 28; Cleveland 42 LA Rams 14; Phoenix 17 NY Giants 6; Seattle 16 Pittsburgh 6; Tampa Bay 17 Denver 10; Dallas 38 Washington 3; Minnesota 30 Kansas City 10.

American Football Conference

	W	L	PF	PA
East division				
Buffalo*	11	4	299	232
Miami	9	5	302	273
NY Jets	8	7	270	223
Indianapolis	4	11	179	348
New England	4	11	205	259
Central division				
Houston*	11	4	344	240
Pittsburgh	8	7	292	272
Cleveland	7	8	295	291
Cincinnati	3	12	174	299
West division				
Kansas City*	10	5	294	267
Denver	9	6	343	251
LA Raiders	9	6	273	286
San Diego	8	8	245	253
Seattle	6	9	256	280

* won division championship
† secured play-off position.

National Football Conference

	W	L	PF	PA
East division				
NY Giants†	11	4	275	189
Dallas†	11	4	360	216
Philadelphia	7	8	256	281
Phoenix	6	9	299	339
Washington	4	11	221	331
Central division				
Detroit†	9	6	288	272
Green Bay†	9	6	320	252
Minnesota	8	7	283	281
Chicago	7	8	228	210
Tampa Bay	5	10	220	344
West division				
San Francisco*	10	5	439	258
New Orleans	7	7	271	293
Atlanta	6	9	306	359
LA Rams	4	11	201	361

☐ Does not include last night's game: Miami at San Diego.

FIXTURES: Week 16: Friday: Minnesota at Washington. Sunday: Buffalo at Indianapolis; Chicago at Rams; Cincinnati at New Orleans; Cleveland at Pittsburgh; Dallas at Giants; Denver at Raiders; Green Bay at Detroit; Miami at New England; Phoenix at Atlanta; San Diego at Tampa Bay; Seattle at Kansas City; Jets at Houston. Monday: Philadelphia at San Francisco.

GARY STEWART

Jon Vaughn, of Seattle, is upended by Darren Perry, of Pittsburgh, during the Seahawks' 16-6 home victory

Morrison inspires impressive Flyers

BY NORMAN DE MESQUITA

FIFE Flyers made an unpromising start to the ice hockey season, losing their first two games, but have lost only twice in 18 outings since then and extended their unbeaten streak to ten with a 10-2 success over Durham Wasps on Sunday.

Durham scored after 20 seconds and were 3-2 behind at the end of the first period, but the Flyers dominated from then on, Mark Morrison leading the way with three goals and two assists.

Scott Morrison went one better, registering three goals and three assists to help Whitley Warriors to an easy 12-4 win over Billingham Bombers, who remained rooted to the foot of the premier division table.

Peterborough Pirates are only two points ahead of them and their 12-5 loss to Cardiff Devils was there fourth in succession. The win kept the Devils in second place, five points behind the Flyers with three games in hand.

Basingstoke Beavers beat near-neighbours Bracknell Bees 10-5 and Sheffield Steelers edged Nottingham Panthers 6-5. Medway Bears provided an upset in the first division, beating Milton Keynes Kings 8-4, ending the Kings' run of 15 successive wins. The Medway celebrations were somewhat muted as Chris Gruber and Derek Switzer ended the evening in hospital with a broken nose and concussion respectively.

RESULTS: British League: Premier division: Basingstoke Beavers 10 Bracknell Bees 5; Cardiff Devils 12 Peterborough Pirates 5; Fife Flyers 10 Durham Wasps 2; Murrayfield Racers 15 Humberside Hawks 6; Sheffield Steelers 6 Nottingham Panthers 5, Whitley Warriors 12 Billingham Bombers 4. First division: Medway Bears 8 Milton Keynes Kings 4; Slough Jets 10 Swindon Wildcats 4; Telford Tigers 7 Solihull Barons 4; Trafford Metros 5 Blackburn Hawks 8

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Loye rides his luck as touring team grind out first-innings lead of 144

England A given sternest test of tour

FROM MICHAEL HENDERSON IN CAPE TOWN

FOR the last three weeks, people have been wondering when England A would be fully extended throughout an entire day's play on their tour of South Africa. Yesterday, Western Province supplied the answer. England had to work for their runs and therefore to establish a lead of 144 before the Province start their second innings tomorrow was a fair achievement.

They will still expect to win this game if they bowl properly on a pitch on which the odd ball is creeping and in conditions that offer assistance to the bowler who can swing it. Simons, Pringle, Martyn and Dawson all got it to go, with varying degrees of success. It could be a day for Cork, who bowled so well on the first afternoon.

Dawson, a horticulturalist by vocation, came into the team earlier this winter as a replacement for Simons, the captain. He has retained his place and, on this showing, will be hard to dislodge. England were building steadily on the groundwork of Loye and Dale when Dawson took four wickets inside 23 balls to claw back some of the tourists' advantage.

At some stage of the tour — and ideally the sooner the better — England had to find out who would make the runs if Crawley and Wells did not. They began the day in occupation, no doubt contemplating the sort of double-century stand they shared at Port Elizabeth. Here were two fine players in good nick. Surely they would plunder more booty?

Alas, no. In the sixth over of the day, Wells was clearly peeved to be given out caught behind when he pushed across his front pad at Martyn, a lively left-armer who, being young, tends to bowl good balls and indifferent overs. Ryall took the catch low down, moving sharply to his right, but Wells was not a terribly happy Hector.

Every innings under a hundred that Crawley makes from now on will be considered a failure. He has a degree of respect that cricketers grant to few of their own and carries his talents lightly. When he gets into the full England team next summer — assuming that he is given the chance — the bars at Test grounds around the country will empty pretty quickly.

Every so often, he works the straight ball to leg and, after making 51 comfortably, he was off balance when he popped up a simple catch to Kuiper at short mid-wicket. Kuiper had been placed there for the very purpose, so another batsman wandered off cross, this time with himself.

Had Loye or Dale gone shortly afterwards, the day, and therefore the match, might have yielded a different tale. Instead, they carried England past the Province total, adding 112 for the fifth wicket with sensible, rather than inspired batting, and both will be disappointed not to have completed a century.

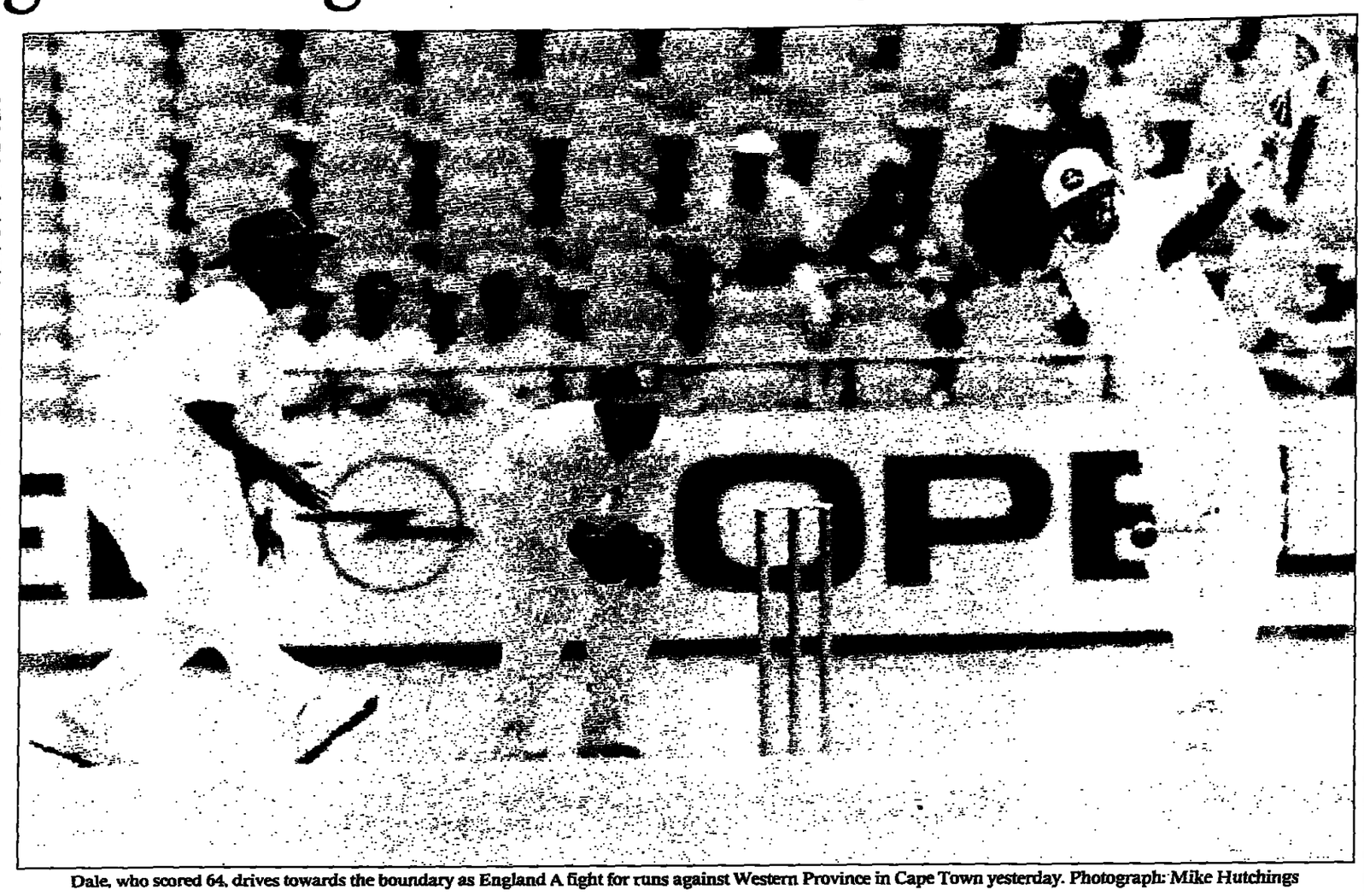
As Trevor Bailey would say, Dale is a very handy cricketer. Although he has been batting at fourth wicket down in this side, he could open the innings and could yet move up the order before the tour is over. He is also a far livelier bowler than some have so far detected and all the time is contributing something to the team's performance.

Loye had greater need of his runs. The tour brochure states, somewhat amusingly, that "not much is known of Mal Loye" and he has done little so far to acquaint South Africans with his talent. Yesterday, aided by two hefty donations to the Mal Loye Benefit Fund, he made 68. He is a peculiar hooker, tending to execute the stroke with an inelegant mid-air pirouette, but his intentions are plain.

The two chances he survived were absolute shockers. Kuiper grabbed a handful of grass at slip when Loye was 18. Seven runs later, Koenig dropped a clanger at square leg. Dale was also missed, on 19, when Martyn put down a regulation chance at slip and went on to make 64 before Dawson's return brought some sort of compensation.

Loye had gone by then, edging Simons to Ryall. In successive balls, Dawson castled Dale and Croft, the latter keeping low, and had Rhodes trapped leg-before in his next over, even though the sound of bat on ball was clearly audible. Cork hoiked one to midwicket and it was left to Gough and Ilott to prolong the innings with their valuable last-wicket stand.

To Ilott fell one of the strokes of the day, a straight drive worthy of a finer batsman. It says much for the England A team spirit that the last pair eked out 29 runs by batting properly, and it was a shame when Gough, attempting to cut McHelm, nicked an inside edge on to his stumps.



Dale, who scored 64, drives towards the boundary as England A fight for runs against Western Province in Cape Town yesterday. Photograph: Mike Hutchings

SCOREBOARD

WESTERN PROVINCE: First Innings 177 (D Jordaan 66).

ENGLAND A XI: First Innings

M N Lathwell lbw b Martyn	6
*H Morris c Ryall b Simons	18
J P Crawley c Kuiper b Dawson	51
A P Wells c Ryall b Martyn	24
M B Loye c Ryall b Simons	68
A Dale b Dawson	64
†S J Rhodes lbw b Dawson	21
R D B Croft b Dawson	0
D G Cork c Koenig b Dawson	16
D Gough b MacHelm	12
M C Ilott not out	18
Extras (b 1, lb 8, w 1, nb 12)	20
Total	321

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-9, 2-37, 3-94, 4-116, 5-228, 6-273, 7-273, 8-276, 9-292.

BOWLING: Pringle 23-2-57-0; Martyn 24-5-81-2; Simons 23-5-53-2, Dawson 18-6-42-5; MacHelm 17.1-7-39-1; Kuiper 14-2-40-0; Best 2-0-2-0.

Umpires: C Mitchley and R Brooks.

Worried Wigan fighting to keep players

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

IT IS ironic that after capturing one of New Zealand rugby union's most talented players, Wigan rugby league club officials find themselves trying to fight off overtures from overseas teams for some of their own leading lights.

Although Wigan will be paying Va'aiga Tuigamala £400,000 over the next 4½ years, English rugby league, in its present financial state, is not up to competing with the resources of clubs in Australia's Winfield Cup, which will open up new territory in New Zealand in 1995.

As John Monie, the former Wigan coach, is in charge of the new Auckland Warriors club, there should be no surprise about him trying to recruit some of his old charges. But recent direct approaches by Ian Robson, chief executive of the Auckland side, to the Great Britain forwards, Andy Platt and Denis Betts, have raised the hackles of John Dorahy, who took over from Monie at Wigan.

According to Dorahy, Robson had not sought Wigan's permission to talk to the players, who are under contract at Central Park for another year. But the Rugby Football League (RFL) have rejected his appeals to block such approaches.

Unless the Warriors were asking players to break their contracts, they were doing nothing wrong by discussing possible agreements after the expiry of existing contracts, the RFL declared.

At the same time, however, the RFL is mindful of

Monie: recruiting

the dangers of a possible exodus to Australia and New Zealand. Its proposals next season for a salary ceiling and more prudent financial housekeeping by the clubs, could prompt more departures, but should provide clubs and players with greater long-term security.

In the shorter term, the possible loss of leading players is already causing concern. The game can ill-afford moves such as that planned by John Devereux, the Widnes and Great Britain back, who has signed a letter of intend to play for Perth Reds in 1995.

Canterbury-Bankstown is another club pursuing the best of British, for the purposes of next summer only, and although Jonathan Davies has denied the possibility of a second spell with the Sydney club, Paul Newlove, Bradford Northern's international centre, is a target.

Meanwhile, Maurice Lindsay, the RFL chief executive, is to meet a three-man delegation from the Brisbane Broncos early in the New Year for preliminary discussions about the club's recent proposal to set up a "satellite" team in London to play in the second division in the 1995-96 season.

Huddersfield, the second division leaders, play today at Keighley, with pressure mounting to find a buyer to save the club, which is losing £2,000 a week, although creditors have decided against immediate liquidation.

Inzamam sets up Pakistan victory

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

PAKISTAN recorded an emphatic 75-run victory over Zimbabwe in the third and final one-day cricket international in Lahore yesterday. Pakistan thus won the series 3-0.

Pakistan scored 216 for four off their 40 overs, thanks to an unbeaten 80 from Inzamam-ul-Haq in a fourth-wicket partnership of 127 with Javed Miandad. Pakistan then restricted Zimbabwe to 141 for nine in their 40 overs.

Irfan Bhatti, the pace bowler, captured two wickets in four balls on his international debut to rock Zimbabwe. Then Mushtaq Ahmad and Salim Malik, the leg spinners, claimed three wickets each to slice through the rest of the batting.

Only Alistair Campbell, the touring side's top scorer with 26, offered any resistance.

Irfan struck on the first ball of his second over when he had Andy Flower, the Zimbabwe captain, caught for 15 by Aaqib Javed, who held a fine running catch at mid-on. Irfan then had Mark Dekker caught by Mushtaq in the covers.

Campbell and David Houghton briefly revived Zimbabwe by adding 40 runs for the third wicket before Mushtaq broke their stand with Campbell stumped as he stepped down the pitch.

Five runs later, with the score on 66, the stocky leg-spinner sent back Houghton, leg-before for nine. Zimbabwe lost half their side for 79 and there was no way back.

Earlier, Pakistan's performance was highlighted by Inzamam's brilliant knock, which won him the man-of-the-match award. Together with Miandad, who scored a steady 55, Inzamam lifted the side out of some trouble at 61 for three. It was Inzamam's eleventh half-century in his 51st one-day international and Miandad's fiftieth in 228.

☐ Pakistani Test umpires Khizer Hayat and Mahboob Shah have been nominated for the international panel of umpires, the Pakistan board announced yesterday.

The International Cricket Council panel comes into force during Pakistan's tour of New Zealand next month when Dickie Bird, from England, will supervise the three-Test series with a local umpire.

SCOREBOARD

PAKISTAN

Saeed Anwar c James b Brandes	25
Asif Mujtaba c James b Rennie	12
Inzamam-ul-Haq not out	80
Basit Ali b Streak	9
Javed Miandad lbw b Streak	55
*Wasim Akram not out	17
Extras (b 1, lb 3, w 10, nb 4)	18
Total (4 wkts, 40 overs)	216

Salim Malik, †Rashid Latif, Mushtaq Ahmed, Aqib Javed and Irfan Bhatti did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-41, 2-42, 3-61, 4-188.

BOWLING: Brandes 8-0-44-1 (w 5, nb 1), Brain 6-0-33-0, Rennie 8-0-53-1 (w 3, nb 1), Streak 8-0-32-2 (w 1, nb 1), Dekker 5-0-27-0 (nb 1); Whittal 4-0-18-0 (w 1), Campbell 1-0-5-0

ZIMBABWE

*A Flower c Aqib b Irfan	15
M H Dekker c Mushtaq b Irfan	4
A D R Campbell st Rashid b Mushtaq	26
D L Houghton lbw b Mushtaq	9
G J Whittal c Rashid b Mushtaq	7
G K Brak-Jackson st Rashid b Salim	12
†W R James not out	14
D Brain c and b Salim	1
E A Brandes c Irfan b Salim	7
D H Streak c Asif b Basit	7
J A Rennie not out	12
Extras (b 4, lb 9, nb 3, w 11)	27
Total (9 wkts, 40 overs)	141

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-21, 2-21, 3-61, 4-68, 5-79, 6-88, 7-91, 8-101, 9-117

BOWLING: Wasim Akram 5-0-29-0 (nb 2, w 2); Irfan Bhatti 8-0-22-2 (nb 1, w 2); Aqib Javed 4-0-8-0, Mushtaq Ahmed 8-1-19-3 (w 1); Salim Malik 8-1-22-3 (w 3); Asif Mujtaba 4-0-11-0 (w 1), Basit Ali 3-0-17-1 (w 2)

Umpires: Ikram Rabbani and Iftikhar Malik.

PREVIOUS MATCHES: Karachi: Pakistan won by seven wickets. Rawalpindi: Pakistan won by six wickets. Pakistan win series 3-0.

Australia consider change of direction

Alan Lee, cricket correspondent, reports from Melbourne on the debate about the leadership of the national side

Upheaval. England's cricketers may be pleased to know, is not the exclusive province of struggling teams. Australia could part company with both captain and coach in 1994, but the debate here is not so much about the possibility of new men as of a new style.

For virtually a decade, the Australia team has been produced and directed by Allan Border and Bob Simpson, two Sydneysiders with a similarly intense approach to the game. Their liaison, while not always successful or harmonious, has maintained Australia's place among the best teams in the world and its reputation for hard-nosed cricket.

By the time England arrive here next October for a series most Australians believe to be over long before it has begun, the cast and the outlook may have changed. Border, though unwilling to commit himself to a date, is hinting heavily that he will have retired. Simpson, meanwhile, awaits the verdict of others on the extension he is seeking to his contract, which expires in June.

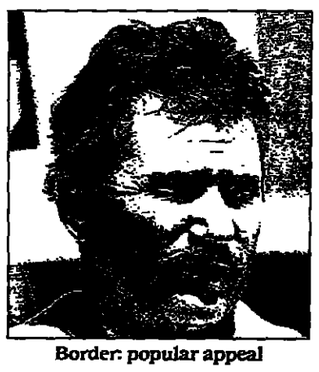
With the memory of another Ashes embarrassment unhappily fresh, this will seem odd to the English, but there is a lobby here, with distinguished names lent to it, advocating a change. The Border-Simpson regime, it is said, has exhausted its shelf life.

In Border's case, at least, this suggests no slight. Few men in Australia are as popular. Recent evidence for this includes a crowd of 17,000, plus millions watching on television, for his testimonial match in Brisbane, and an unrehearsed break in a U2 concert when Bono, the lead singer, summoned a telephone on stage, called a bemused Border at home and led the 50,000 audience in a rendition of "I just called to say I love you".

Simpson could never command such idolatory, for all the merit of his businesslike methods. Now, there are those who feel he has become too strong and enduring a shadow to the team and who wish to see the role of the coach reduced and the job given to a younger man.

He is aware of this and also aware that Border may not be averse to taking on the coaching at some stage. But Simpson is a politician and a survivor. He has no wish to go gracefully just yet. "I have got another two years in me," he said yesterday. "I have got a lot to contribute yet."

It will be the Australian Cricket Board (ACB) which decides on Simpson's future, and if Border by then is available — for he will wisely not try to play on under a new captain — the temptation to instal him as a manager figure will be great. Not everyone, however, would be pleased to perpetuate the style of cricket patented by Border's sides, a style which owes much to the exploitation of mental frailty among those who oppose and officiate. There were seasoned England players last summer who privately expressed shock at the verbal abuse they received during the Test series, not only overtly from the bowlers but sly, side-of-the-mouth insults from close fielders. Border, as captain, was personally responsible if not for orchestrating, then for condoning it, but he is as unrepentant now as he was at the time.



Border: popular appeal

Simpson: businesslike

"Poms play all the time, every day, and they don't play too much of what I would call hard cricket," he said here this week. "When they are confronted with a team like us, that is not frightened to let them know how they're playing, it catches them by surprise. Maybe it intimidates a few of them." Maybe that is the idea. It is not one invented by Border, but he has unashamedly adopted it for his game plan and encouraged his players to express, rather than suppress, the Australian trait of blunt speaking.

There does not, of course, have to be an Englishman at the receiving end. Border says he expects to be verbally worked over whenever he faces Merv Hughes in state games, and anyone attending Australia's net practice on Christmas Eve could observe at close quarters how the players instinctively taunt even their own kind.

Stronger umpiring would reduce the worst examples, and the International Cricket Council will be hoping that its independent panel addresses the matter. But it is when the umpires themselves become the targets that the behaviour becomes unacceptable and it is for this reason that the ACB and its delegates must be careful in choosing Border's successor.

Mark Taylor, the affable opening batsman, remains the favourite but is struggling to keep Matthew Hayden from taking his Test place. If he is passed over for the job, Ian Healy would be the choice of many, perhaps even of Border, who now plays under him for Queensland. It would, however, be going down a dangerous path, as Ian Chappell points out.

Chappell was no paragon of virtue in his time as the Australia captain, but now, as a media personality, he is a sound and respected judge. His view is this: "Ian's appealing bothers me. Some of it is over the top. I would hate to think that Australia's intimidation of umpires increased rather than decreased in the next few seasons."

Border should hate the idea too, for among all the admirable achievements of his great career, the least attractive legacy will be his enthusiasm for a game which has at its focus a verbal rather than a technical confrontation.

It has possibly helped him score three resounding victories over England and it has endeared him to the Australian public. But it would be a good thing for the game if his successor imitated him in every other way, while banishing the notion that a team's best route to success is the opposite of goodwill to all men.

Blank day in Melbourne

THE annual Christmas cricket match in the Antarctic enjoyed a full day's play yesterday, but the Melbourne Test match fared rather worse on its second day than its first (Alan Lee writes). Not a ball was bowled, play being abandoned before tea with Australia still 71 for two against South Africa.

Melbourne's average rainfall for December was exceeded in 36 hours from Sunday morning, and the first Test match has been blighted by two of the coldest summer days the city has known in 70 years. The last time this traditional Christmas Test suffered such a washout was in 1970, when the game against England was abandoned, later to be rescheduled, and in its place was staged the first-ever one-day international. Nothing so radical is planned this time but, even if the improved weather forecast proves correct, something remarkable will be needed to conjure a positive result.

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Worried Wigan fighting to keep players

By CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

The Quiz of the Sporting Year compiled by John Goodbody

Where was Alex Ferguson when Manchester United won their first league championship for 26 years?

JANUARY

1. Which racecourse spent the New Year holiday restoring its facilities after they were vandalised?

2. Which British tennis coach started "looking for a kid with a bit of bastard in him"?

3. Which famous South African sports administrator, of whom it was said "he opened the door and showed us the way", died?

4. Why did Kevin Hodgson, the English table tennis player, have his bat banned?

5. Why was England's one-day cricket international against India in Ahmedabad called off?

6. Which 1988 Olympic champion said he was going to attempt to swim the English Channel?

7. Who scored England's only try against France in the five nations' championship at Twickenham?

8. How many dollars did Addis Abebe, of Ethiopia, win in setting a world best in a 10km road race in Jakarta?

9. In the fourth Test at Adelaide, by how many runs did West Indies beat Australia?

10. Why was Jodi Evans unique in being picked to compete in the Oxford v Cambridge Varsity Games?

11. Who won the Monte Carlo rally?

FEBRUARY

12. Who won the Australian men's singles tennis title?

13. Who won the Australian women's singles tennis title?

14. Which American Football team won Super Bowl XXVII?

15. Which country withdrew from the voting so that India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka could stage the 1995 cricket World Cup?

16. The International Cricket Council decided on February 3 that Graham Gooch's 109 against a South African XI in 1982 was made in an unofficial match. After that decision, how many centuries in first-class cricket had Gooch made?

17. Which country won the five nations' championship match between England and Wales at Cardiff?

18. Which shirt company paid £15 million to the Football Association to extend its contract with the England team until 1999?

19. Which three England batsmen missed some of the play in the second Test in Madras because of food poisoning?

20. How many goals did David Platt score in England's 6-0 victory over San Marino in the World Cup qualifying match at Wembley?

21. What was the result of the three-match Test series between India and England?

22. Which famous football figure, forever associated with 1966, died?

23. Which former Olympic hurdler was picked on the wing for the Welsh rugby union team?

MARCH

24. Which two England rugby union forwards were reprimanded by the Middlesex disciplinary committee for wearing illegal studs in a Pilkington Cup quarter-final match?

25. Which three rowing events faced elimination from the 1996 Olympics to make way for lightweight events?

26. Which sprinter was caught taking drugs for the second time and was banned for life?

27. Which stand-off half returned to the English rugby union team and was an immediate success against Scotland?

28. Which British club athlete, who had been banned for four years for failing to provide a urine sample, was warned that he could be taken to court to prevent him from appearing in events anonymously while under suspension?

29. Who announced that she would be standing down as the president of the International Equestrian Federation?

30. Which American returned from a drug suspension to win the 400 metres at the world indoor championships?

31. To which country did England lose in the semi-finals of the world youth football championship?

32. Which horse won the Cheltenham Gold Cup?

33. What was unusual about the venue for the two FA Cup semi-finals?

34. In what position did Nigel Mansell finish in his IndyCar debut at Surfers Paradise, Australia?

35. Who won the Hong Kong sevens rugby union tournament?

36. Of which crew did Matthew Pinsent, the 1992 Olympic gold medal-winner, say: "They never gave us a chance"?

APRIL

37. Who was the senior starter with the Jockey Club whose red flag failed to unfurl to signal a false start at the Grand National?

38. What was the name of the horse which finished first in the race, which was declared void?

39. Which jockey retired at Ascot after winning his last race on Sweet Duke?

40. Who won the Formula One European grand prix at Donington Park?

41. Who won the Masters golf tournament at Augusta?

42. Which country did the individual winner of the combined exercises title at the world gymnastics championships in Birmingham represent?

43. Which British athlete was described by sponsors as being "too old" but still won the NutraSweet London Marathon?

44. To the nearest hour what time did Tina Dorrell, the last official finisher in the NutraSweet London marathon, record?

45. Who told a photographer after announcing his retirement: "Get off my grass, young man"?

46. In which city was Monica Seles playing in a tennis tournament when she was stabbed by a spectator?

MAY

47. Where was Alex Ferguson when he heard that Oldham had beaten Aston Villa and Manchester United had won their first championship for 26 years?

48. Who won the world snooker championship?

49. On which horse did Virginia Leng win Badminton for the third time?

50. Who was the first British woman to climb Mount Everest?

51. Allan Border, the Australia cricket captain, threatened to put which player on "the next plane home" during the match against Somerset at Taunton?

52. What was the score in the first game in the FA Cup final between Arsenal and Sheffield Wednesday?

53. Who scored the winning goal in the FA Cup final replay?

54. Who resigned as manager when his club was relegated from the Premier League?

Question A: Who led the campaign of members of the Marylebone Cricket Club, who proposed a vote of no-confidence in the English Test selectors after their winter tour choices?

55. Which yacht won the British Steel Challenge round-the-world race?

56. Which former player received life membership of Somerset County Cricket Club in a ceremony at Taunton?

57. Where did Nigel Mansell finish in his debut in the Indianapolis 500?

JUNE

58. Which football club reached the Premier League for the first time after beating Leicester City in the play-off final at Wembley?

59. Which horse won the Ever Ready Derby?

60. Who said: "I would not say the team quit on me but I would say it quit on the fans"?

61. Who was said to have a "refuelling problem"?

62. Who won the Pierre de Coubertin International Fair Play Award?

63. Which English batsman was given out "handled the ball" in the first Test against Australia at Old Trafford?

64. Which team won the Stanley Cup in ice hockey for the first time in seven seasons?

65. Which English fast bowler was made an MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List?

66. Miguel Indurain, of Spain, won the Giro d'Italia for the second year running in 1993. Who was the last cyclist to achieve this feat?

67. Of whose performance did Paul Westphal, the coach of the Phoenix Suns basketball team, say: "I am amazed. But I am not surprised"?

68. Who was not allowed to return to the British Isles rugby union tour of New Zealand after he had travelled to England to attend his father's funeral?

69. To whom did Chris Bailey lose in five sets in the second round of the men's singles at Wimbledon?

70. Who said after a series of poor performances by a national team: "We may be in the wrong sign or something. Venus may be in the wrong juxtaposition to something"?

JULY

71. Martina Hingis, who became, at 12, the youngest junior grand slam winner when she won the French Open title, took part in the Wimbledon junior tournament. Who said of her participation: "It is too soon. If I had a 12-year-old, I would not do it with her, even if she were good enough"?

72. Who beat Andre Agassi, the holder, in the men's singles at Wimbledon?

73. What caused a stir at Henley Royal Regatta?

74. Who won the men's singles title at Wimbledon?

75. Who won the women's singles title at Wimbledon?

76. Of which team did its manager say: "We could claim we were five minutes away from being a great side"?

77. Which boxer said: "It is not as if I have adapted. This is my life. I am walking a thin line to hell"?

78. What was Nick Faldo's record second round with which he took the lead on the second day of the Open golf championship?

79. In which country did the cyclist, Graeme Obree, first break the world hour record?

80. Who won the Open golf championship?

81. Which English cricketer announced his retirement and, on his final day in first-class cricket, led out his county against Australia?

82. Miguel Indurain, of Spain, won the Tour de France. In which years had he previously won the race?

AUGUST

83. Which country did the Englandwomen's cricket team beat in the World Cup final at Lord's?

84. Which Briton won a silver medal in the high board at the European swimming championships in Sheffield?

85. Which Briton retained his title at the European swimming championships?

86. Which football club won the Charity Shield at Wembley?

87. Who said after resigning a prominent position in British sport: "I could be like a Cabinet minister retiring to the back benches. I know how things work and I could be of use"?

88. Where was Steve Backley when Jan Zelezny broke the world javelin record in Sheffield?

89. Which country won the Champagne Mumm Admiral's Cup?

90. When Linford Christie won the world 100 metres title in Stuttgart, by how many hundredths of a second did he finish outside the world record?

91. Who won the semi-final between the two Britons, Chris Boardman and Graeme Obree, in the 4,000 metres pursuit at the world cycling championships?

92. Who finished second to Sally Gunnell when she won the women's 400 metres hurdles at the world championships in Stuttgart?

93. Who finished second to Colin Jackson when he won the men's 110 metres hurdles at the world championships?

94. When England beat Australia in the sixth Test at the Oval, only one member of the team had previously been in an England side which had beaten Australia. Who was he?

95. Who became the first Briton to win the individual world modern pentathlon title?

SEPTEMBER

96. What record did Sussex and Essex set in their Britannic Assurance County Championship cricket match at Hove?

97. Noureddine Morceli, of Algeria, ran the mile in 3min 44.39sec, beating the world record previously held by which athlete?

98. In the NatWest Trophy final at Lord's, what was the winning total which Warwickshire reached on the last ball to defeat Sussex?

99. How many gold medals did Britain win at the world rowing championships in Roudnice?

100. Marseilles were banned from defending the European Cup because of the bribery scandal. Who is the club's president?

101. Who did Steffi Graf defeat in the women's singles final of the US Open tennis championships?

102. Which county, 100-1 outsiders before the start of the season, won cricket's Axa Equity & Law League?

103. In the voting on which city should stage the 2000 Olympic Games, where did Manchester finish?

104. Alain Prost retired from Formula One motor racing after winning how many world drivers' championships?

105. By what score did the United States defeat Europe in the Ryder Cup at The Belfry?

106. Who knocked Rangers out of the European Cup?

OCTOBER

107. Which British woman won a world judo title?

108. In which round did Lennox Lewis beat Frank Bruno in their world heavyweight title bout in Cardiff?

109. Which tennis player was banned from the first round of the 1994 Davis Cup after refusing to play in a singles match with the Bahamas when his country had an unassailable lead?

110. Who won the world super-middleweight title fight at Old Trafford between Chris Eubank and Nigel Benn?

111. Which Briton coached Zambia for the last four months of their World Cup campaign?

112. Which two players scored the goals in Holland's 2-0 defeat of England in Rotterdam, so virtually ending England's hopes of qualifying for the World Cup finals?

113. Which country won the Alfred Dunhill Cup at St Andrews?

114. Which former England international footballer put his trophies up for auction, including medals for three European Cup victories and plaques for winning the Football League with two different clubs?

115. Who won the rugby league international at Wembley between Great Britain and New Zealand?

116. Which British boxer spoke at the Oxford Union?

117. Two crew members walked off a boat in the Whitbread round-the-world yacht race after calling for changes in leadership. What was the name of the boat?

118. Who won the men's World Marathon Cup in San Sebastian?

119. Nigel Mansell took part in a touring car race at Donington Park in his first appearance on a British motor-racing circuit for 15 months. How did he get on?

NOVEMBER

120. Who suffered an eye injury in a match at Redruth because of what the Rugby Football Union described as "dangerous play" and the New Zealand management said was "an unfortunate accident"?

121. Who were voted athletes of the year by the International Amateur Athletic Federation?

122. Which club knocked Manchester United out of the European Cup?

123. Which governing body had to withdraw its official magazine from circulation because it depicted a man in a black balaclava who might have been mistaken for a terrorist?

124. Who beat Riddick Bowe for the the World Boxing Association and the International Boxing Federation heavyweight titles?

125. One of only two managers to lead Tottenham Hotspur to the league championship died. Who was he?

126. How many goals did Ian Wright score when England beat San Marino 7-1?

127. How many tries did the All Blacks score in their 51-15 defeat of Scotland at Murrayfield?

128. Who beat Jimmy White, the holder, in the Royal Liver Assurance UK snooker championship?

129. Who won the RAC Rally?

130. How many tries did England score in their 15-9 defeat of the All Blacks at Twickenham?

131. Who was voted European footballer of the year?

DECEMBER

132. A world champion hurdler from which country claimed that her positive test for anabolic steroids resulted from her being secretly given the banned substances by her husband, who was seeking revenge for marital infidelity?

133. Who was the first British woman ever to win a world swimming title?

134. Who said he might never play professional football again after suffering a head injury in a match against Wimbledon?

135. Who said of the All Blacks rugby union team: "Some of their play has been beyond the convention we obey and I feel more sad about the damage they have done to rugby's image"?

136. How many gold medals did Britain win at the World short-course swimming championships?

137. Who won the Oxford v Cambridge University rugby union match at Twickenham?

138. In which sport did the International Olympic Committee recognise that there was a judging error at the 1992 Olympic Games and award a gold medal, 17 months after the event, to Sylvie Frechette?

139. To which club did Norwich City lose in the Uefa Cup?

140. Which captain of Tottenham Hotspur and Northern Ireland died?

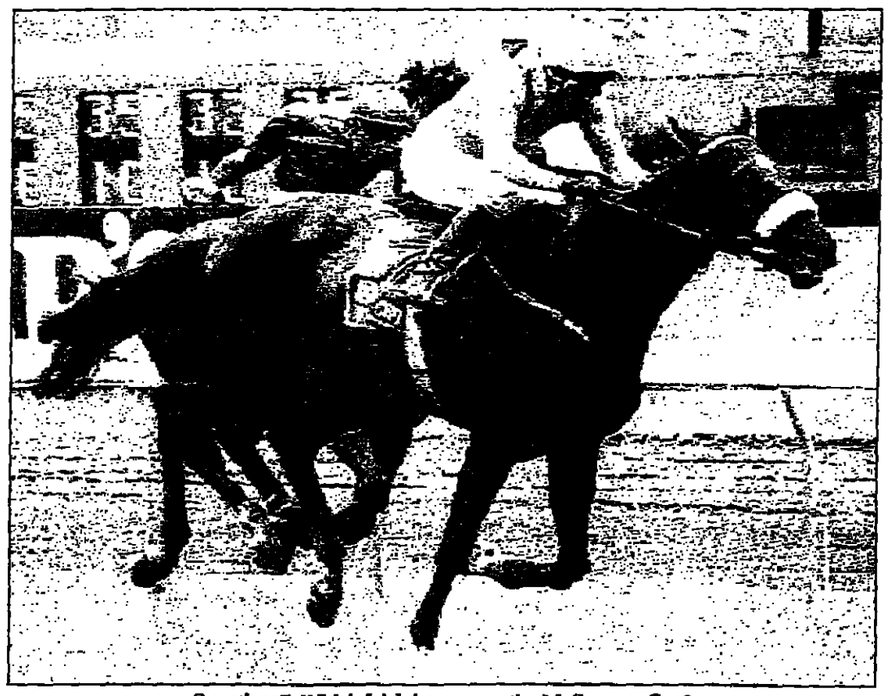
141. For what reason was the start of the final day of the England A v Transvaal cricket match delayed?

142. Who practised barefoot for the Johnnie Walker world golf championship at Montego Bay?

143. Which three English cities announced they were bidding for the 2002 Commonwealth Games?

144. Who beat Andy Holligan to retain his world light-welterweight boxing title?

Question B: Who broke the on-court dress rules of women's squash by wearing shorts in a tournament in Melbourne?



Question C: Which Irish horse won the Melbourne Cup?

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Major policy initiative required to rescue Chelsea

Beasant: good saves

Southampton 3
Chelsea 1

BY ANDREW LONGMORE

NOT even the unexpected presence of the Prime Minister at The Dell yesterday could lift Chelsea out of their trough. But perhaps Glenn Hoddle, their manager, faced with a run of nine defeats in the last 11 games and with only Swindon now below them in the Premiership, would do well to follow John Major's policy. When Chelsea are finally undone by a player who six months ago was a waiter, it is time to get back to basics.

At present, Hoddle is teaching A level standard to GCSE O level students and unless some glimmer of comprehension emerges soon, Chelsea will go the way of Nottingham Forest, the other side labelled "too good to go down" in recent seasons. Chelsea have taken just two points out of a possible 33 in the last three months.

Hoddle kept his players under lock and key in the dressing-room for half an hour after the match, and it can be presumed from his grim tone he was not telling them the Christmas Story. Clearly, even Hoddle's patience is wearing thin.

"I wasn't happy with the way we defended," he said. "If anybody thought we weren't in a dogfight, they know now." But whether Hoddle can turn his bunch of poodles into Rottweilers in time for a New Year's Day reunion with his old club, Swindon, remains to be seen. A home game against Kevin Keegan's rampant Newcastle this afternoon is not likely to ease the transition.

Chelsea's formation remained a mystery, not least to the players, who spent much of the opening half in animated discussion about who should be where and why. In Hoddle's prolonged absence with an ankle injury, Peacock has taken on the role of on-field interpreter and, at times, he resembled a policeman on point duty, directing his colleagues hither and thither to limited effect. Wise looks uninterested, the rest mostly confused.

Stein alone — and he was alone for much of the afternoon — seemed certain of his role and he did at least score his first goal for his new club, in his eighth game, taking advantage of one of a number of terrible blunders by Benali, every bit a makeshift centre half, to lob over Beasant just before half-time. Had not Beasant, given a generous reception by his former home supporters at the visitors' end, not pulled off a couple of good saves, that could have been Stein's hat-trick. Instead, it hauled Chelsea back into a game which their chaotic defence was in process of giving away in the true spirit of the season.

Every Southampton corner or cross caused mayhem, and it was a surprise only to the statisticians when Widdrington was left free six yards out to give Southampton a deserved lead after 29 minutes, his first goal for the club in his 23rd game.

As Matthew Le Tissier has scored seven of Southampton's last eight goals, that was a collector's item in itself, but another was to come 20 minutes into the second half. Galvanised by the arrival of Frankie Bennett, whose pace further unsettled Chelsea's nerves, Dowie scored his first goal in 18 games, turning in Paul Allen's low cross to put Southampton back in front.

Until a few months ago, Bennett was playing for Halesowen Town in the Beazer Homes League to supplement his meagre wage as a waiter. His service was lightning quick yesterday. No sooner had he replaced the ineffective Peter Reid than Bennett broke down the right, only for Dowie to volley the cross straight into the grateful arms of Kharine. Two minutes from time, Bennett showed how it should be done, smashing home Dowie's through header as Chelsea vainly appealed for offside, to ensure Southampton their first win in five games and lift the load temporarily off their manager.

For once, Ian Branfoot had an afternoon almost free of cries for his resignation. John Major, for one, will appreciate the Southampton manager's relief. It may well be Hoddle's turn to suffer next.

SOUTHAMPTON (4-4-2): D Beasant — J Dodd, S Wood, F Benali, N Adams — P Allen, T Widdrington, P Reid (sub: F Bennett, 63mn), M Le Tissier — N Maddison, I Dowie.
CHELSEA (4-5-1): D Kharine — G Hall, F Sinclair, J Kjeldberg, S Clarke — D Wise, C Burley, G Peacock, E Newton, D Hopkin (N Shipperley, 72) — M Stein
Referee: P Durkin.

Hearts stifle supporters' celebrations at Rangers

Rangers 2
Heart of Midlothian 2

BY KEVIN MCCARRA

ONCE again yesterday, the Ibrox roars were of anguish rather than triumph as a victory was snatched away from Rangers two minutes into injury-time. As Robertson's corner bounced up at Murray, the defender instinctively handled, the penalty was awarded and Robertson, on as a substitute, blasted it in himself, leaving doubts over Rangers' ability to retain their title lingering still.

Hearts are a tormented team, but there is, oddly, solace to be found in a trip to Ibrox these days. Rangers had already lost four times on their patch this season and yet despite that encouragement, the visitors did not seem inclined to experiment with carefree football. If you held the team-sheet to your ear, you could almost hear the midfield's snarl. Both Millar and Berry were there to snap at Rangers.

Fortunately, for the spectator, team-sheets can be unreliable omens and after just ten minutes Hearts took the lead with a concise piece of play involving a former Rangers player whose accomplishment was recognised in the manner customary to such occasions. Thus the crowd reacted with hostility to Maurice Johnston's every involvement. It did not seem to fluster him. His controversial career taught him many years ago how to live without cordiality.

When Locke flighted a free-kick from the right, Johnston's flick was cunning, delivered to Allan Johnston's feet at the back post. He squared the ball and Millar forced his way through to finish. It was the sort of goal that increases suspicions about a defence which has infuriated Walter Smith, the Rangers manager, with the obliging ways it has contracted.

Seeking a remedy, Smith yesterday omitted his centre-half and captain, Gough, even though he was fit, but the new arrangement did not carry instant conviction. In the first half, Brown was at left back, although the handicaps of his 31 years and numerous operations deny him the mobility required for that position. After half-time, he was predictably switched to a central position.

Discomfort in the rearguard prevented Rangers from developing the crushing momentum which has come so easily to them in recent years. All the same, they are never without a chance so long as they can field Hateley. Those who thought he was only a target man have had to reconsider of late. McCoist, winner of Europe's Golden Boot award in each of the last two years, has missed most of this season through injury, and few would have guessed that Hateley could shoulder the goal-scorer's burden so easily.

Hateley's equaliser, after 21 minutes, took his tally to 19 for this campaign. After Rangers had played FC Bruges in the Champions League early this year, the Englishman's marker, Cossey, made a vivid confession. He admitted that Hateley had left him feeling as if he was drowning. Yesterday, the striker was, in the same fashion, capable of inundating Hearts all by himself.

When Steven whirled in the box and sent the ball over with his left foot, it seemed that he had only picked out Weir. The defender, however, was oblivious to the menace behind him and never leapt to clear. Hateley is brutal in the presence of such hesitation. He charged in to climb above Weir and send a header looping over Walker for a majestic finish.

The forward should have put Rangers in front a minute before the break when Steven sent him through, but his shot cannoned to safety from the goalkeeper's legs. Still, there seemed to be an abundance of time for Rangers to acquire the points, and their ability to do so was rarely in doubt as they rediscovered their poise after the break. On a different day, they might have won.

However, they took only one of their chances and may have been playing thereafter in the mistaken belief that Hearts were not equipped to counter it. After 70 minutes, Kuznetsov fired a sweet pass out to the left and Huistra, the substitute, galloped on before delivering a cross for Hateley to sweep his shot low into the net.

That, as it turned out, was not the end of it. In times gone by, Rangers could hardly avoid victory at Ibrox, but at present it is proving the most elusive of prizes.

RANGERS (4-4-2): A Maxwell — N Murray, G Stevens, S Pressley, J Brown — T Steven, O Kuznetsov, S McCall (sub: C Vinnicombe, 45min), A Mikhailichenko — G Dune (sub: P Huistra, 45), M Hateley.
HEART OF MIDLOTHIAN (4-4-2): N Walker — G Locke, J Weir, A McLaren, T McKinley — J Colquhoun (sub: J Robertson, 76), N Berry, A Johnston (sub: G Wright, 71), J Millar — M Johnston, W Foster.
Referee: D McVicar.

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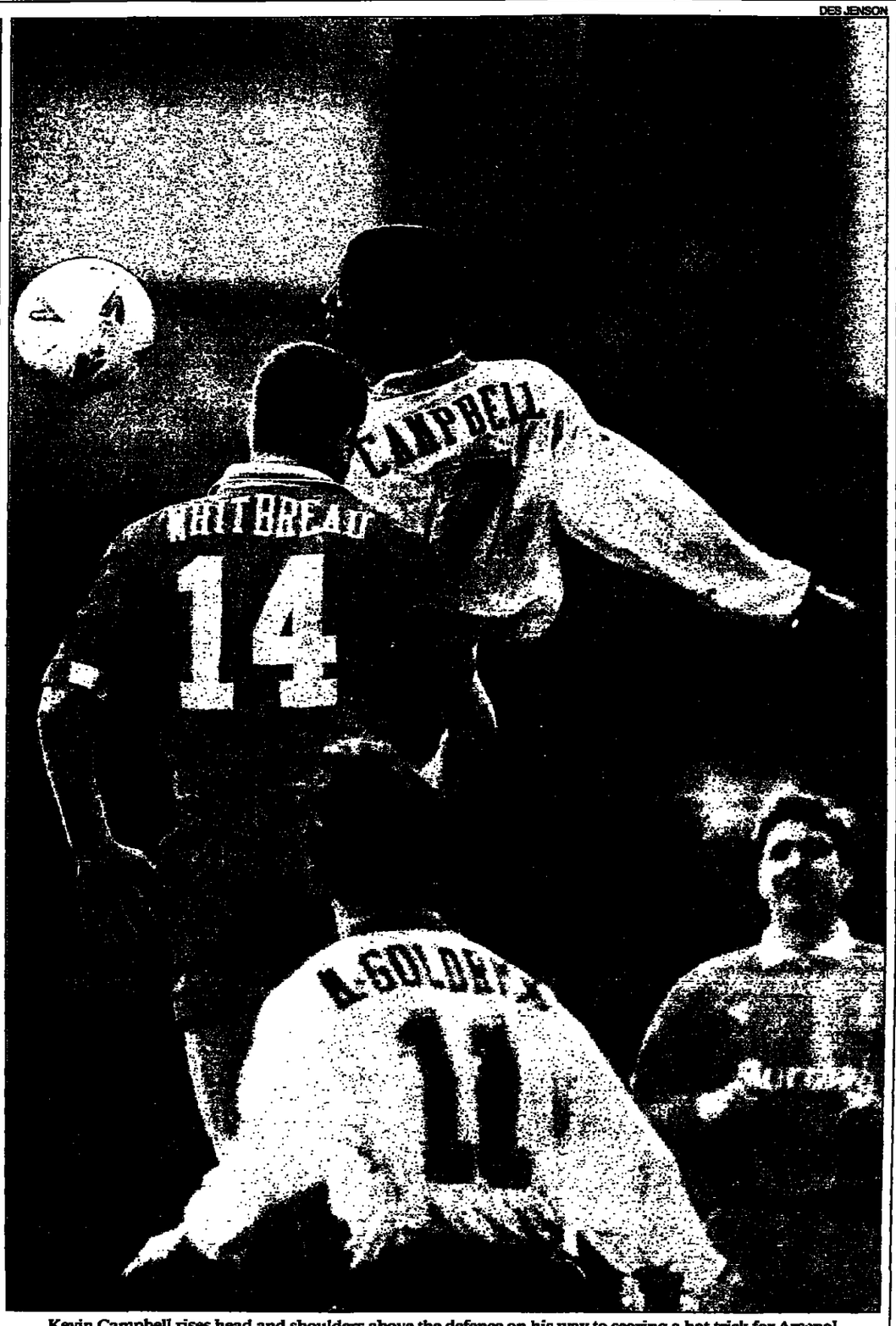

Kevin Campbell rises head and shoulders above the defence on his way to scoring a hat-trick for Arsenal against Swindon in the Premiership match at the County Ground yesterday afternoon. Report, page 17

Ipswich fail to see point of Bonds' implied criticism

Ipswich Town 1
West Ham United 1

BY KEITH PIKE

COMPETITIVE without ever becoming passionate, acceptably entertaining but never riveting: two of the Premiership's middle-of-the-table, middle-of-the-road teams served up some all too predictable fare at Portman Road.

Either team could have won it but neither really deserved to, and both professed themselves reasonably happy with the point that keeps them in tenth and eleventh places respectively. Too good to go down, but too ordinary to challenge for a place in the Uefa Cup. The FA Cup is to come, of course, but an early exit from that competition will leave an unappetising second-half of the season to come in Suffolk and east London.

In the long term, more is expected, perhaps, of West Ham. Having bounced between the top divisions in recent seasons, they have at last discovered the secret of stability — a well-drilled team that works hard for each other, a passing game that is better than most, and a pair of strikers in Morley and Chapman who will take their share of chances. Chapman's equaliser yesterday was his eighth in 18 matches — not prolific, but proficient for West Ham's purposes.

Just three defeats in 13 matches before a Waddle-inspired Sheffield Wednesday hammered them 5-0 last week had seen United make steady progress up the table and Billy Bonds, West Ham's manager, was delighted with the way his team bounced back from such a mauling. "It was a great improvement, 100 per cent better, and I was delighted with our performance."

Diplomatic as he tried to be, Bonds could not disguise his frustration at the tactics employed by a team now led by two men from the Upton Park academy in John Lyall and Mick McGiven. "Ipswich packed a lot of bodies in midfield, left a couple of little men up front and tried to play us on the break," Bonds said. "They are certainly hard to break down."

When the same point was put to McGiven — that, as the home team, Ipswich were duty bound to be more enterprising — the response was tetchy. McGiven eventually pointed to an eight-match unbeaten run as all the justification he needed.

Ipswich supporters, forcefed a diet of Norwich success stories in the last 18 months, certainly do not seem to mind. The club's biggest crowd of the season saw them grind out another reasonable result.

The Ipswich supporters' patience, though, is being tested by a policy of playing four centre-halfs as well as two natural full backs and starving Kiwomya of the support he needs in attack.

As ever, Stockwell was their only other player looking to get forward regularly, while Marshall was left to freeze on the substitutes' bench until 20 minutes from time.

Yet the ploy so nearly worked. Linighan's powerful header from Thompson's free kick that went in off the underside of the bar in the 38th minute, was his first goal of the season and remained Ipswich's only effort on target in the match. But had Kiwomya not blazed over an inviting target after Marshall had set him up, the game might have been put beyond reach for West Ham.

They were reprieved by a mistake from Forrest, the Ipswich goalkeeper, who in the 78th minute dropped Burrows's cross at Chapman's feet. Chapman had spurned two simple earlier chances, but atoned from six yards. It was the least West Ham deserved.

IPSWICH TOWN (4-4-2): C Forrest — E Youds, D Linighan, P Whelan, N Thompson — S Palmer, G Williams, J Wark (sub: I Marshall, 69min), S Slater — M Stockwell, C Kiwomya.
WEST HAM UNITED (4-4-2): L Miklosko — T Breacker, S Potts, A Gale D Burrows — M Marsh, P Butler, I Bishop, M Holmes (sub: K Rowland, 71min) — T Morley, L Chapman
Referee: G Poll.

Preston find cold comfort from Beck's old tactics

Preston North End 1
Chester 1

BY LOUISE TAYLOR

THE third division's biggest crowd of the season, 12,790, braved freezing temperatures to fill Deepdale yesterday. So uncommonly long were the queues at the turnstiles that police put the kick-off back ten minutes.

Judged purely on quality, it was not worth the wait. That said, there was no lack of incident as the division's most direct attacking unit confronted a Chester side tight at the back and clever on the break. The resulting draw was a fair outcome and leaves both teams well placed for promotion.

Eager to make their Cockney manager feel at home in his adopted Lancashire, Preston supporters have given John Beck a flat cap. Bitterly cold though it was yesterday, Beck was not wearing it. Instead the slight, tracksuited figure looked no different from the days when he led Cambridge out of the old fourth division to the brink of the Premiership.

And if Beck has not changed physically, his footballing philosophy is just the same, too. Preston, wearing tracksuit bottoms to protect them from not only the chill but the plastic pitch which is the bane of Beck's life, played with two wingers, Ainsworth and the impressive Raynor. They placed faith in long balls and set great store by their throw-ins and crosses.

The first goal yesterday duly came from a cross but, from Preston's point of view, it was scored at the wrong end. Wheeler centred and Nebbeling, desperately back pedalling, was caught off balance and diverted the ball into his own net, via a shin.

Presumably, fearing Beck's half-time assessment, Preston pressed forward. This policy paid off a minute before the break when Ellis volleyed past Felgate from an acute angle, 12 yards out. That equaliser was Ellis's 22nd goal of the season, so the system obviously suits him. Interestingly, Ellis was the sole survivor of the Preston side that played Chester at Deepdale in the second division last season. Since then, Beck has become manager, introducing almost as many new players as fresh ideas.

For much of the first half, though, Preston struggled against a visiting side almost completely comprised of free transfers. O'Hanlon was the busier goalkeeper, twice saving smartly from Leonard. Lightfoot, the Chester midfield player, proved the first-half's most creative player, although Raynor came more into his own after the interval.

A glaring error by Greenall apart, which prompted Felgate to produce an excellent save from Ellis, Chester defended competently and offered a constant threat on the counter attack. Talking of attack, Preston are the league's leading scorers this season, averaging four goals a game. But not yesterday. Beck clearly needs to give his players a few lessons in the art of staying on-side.

Beck: relies on long ball

PRESTON NORTH END (4-4-2): K O'Hanlon — A Fensome, G Nebbeling, D Moyes, R Kidd — P Raynor, N Whatley (sub: L Cartwright, 95min), R Lucas, G Ainsworth (sub: M Conroy, 84min) — A Ellis, I Bryson.
CHESTER (4-3-3): D Felgate — I Jenkins, M Came, C Greenall, J Jakub — R Preece, C Lightfoot, P Wheeler — D Thompson, D Pugh, M Leonard.
Referee: K Lynch.

Collymore saves a point and Crossley's blushes

Nottingham Forest 1
Middlesbrough 1

BY DENNIS SHAW

THE first division's highest attendance of the season, 26,901 at the City Ground, was treated to two spectacular goals yesterday. Forest were left with a recent unbeaten run intact while Middlesbrough confirmed that their nightmare spell is ending, after a match of quality football on a frost-bound surface.

But for those goals, by Moore, for Middlesbrough, and Collymore it would have been a vaguely disappointing exercise, though those two moments will remain in the memory. For Crossley, the Forest goalkeeper, the first was a source of humiliation.

Five minutes into the second half he was a spectator as the Irish youth international fired a 20-yard shot from an oblique angle on the left.

The attack which led to it seemed of little consequence and Crossley clearly believed the powerful shot was passing wide of his far post. As the ball flew across him he simply raised his left arm as though to wave it to safety but he reckoned without its swirling accuracy. The ball hit the inside of the post and rebounded over the line for an unexpected 1-0 lead.

Moore, in his first full season, had netted with other similar strikes, but surely never to beat an entirely static goalkeeper.

Middlesbrough, who had won only once in their previous 13 League games, perhaps deserved their lead if only for the way they had denied Forest any meaningful strikes on goal.

In the immediate post-Brian Clough era his successor, Frank Clark, is building a sound basis for a return to the Premiership, though much hinges on the goalscoring exploits of Collymore, their £2.2m acquisition.

Five midfield players, including the impressive Norwegian international, Bohinen, were queueing up to feed the predator lurking ahead of them. Between them they fashioned some fine approach play, but it was a defender, Lyttle, who found the route to an equaliser in the seventieth minute.

A long, high ball from the right side of the defence released Collymore for an assault on goal from 40 yards out, but the striker looked to be well covered by Mohan.

The Middlesbrough central defender thought so, too, and eventually paused in his stride near goal to encourage Pears to advance.

That split second of hesitation was fatal. Collymore found an extra yard of pace to brush Mohan aside for a thunderous and unstoppable drive into the net.

By the end Pearce had almost fashioned a Forest victory, but Pears made a flying one-handed save from the England defender. Crossley must have been watching in envy at the other end.

"It was a great strike by the 'Boro boy," said Clark of their goal. "The ball took a deflection off Cooper. Had Crossley dived I doubt if he would have reached it."

Collymore: equaliser

NOTTINGHAM FOREST (4-5-1): M Crossley, D Lyttle, C Cooper, S Chettle, S Pearce, S Stone, S Gemmill, D Phillips, L Bohinen, N Block, S Collymore.
MIDDLESBROUGH (4-4-2): S Pears, C Fleming, D Whyte, N Mohan, R Liburd, R Mustoe, J Pollock, A Peake, J Gannon, P Wilkinson, A Moore.
Referee: K Barratt.

PREMIERSHIP AT A GLANCE

		Played	Points	Goal diff	Recent form
1	Manchester Utd	22	53	+26	DWDWD
2	Leeds	22	40	+12	WWLWD
3	Blackburn	21	39	+11	LWWWD
4	Arsenal	22	37	+11	LDWLW
5	Newcastle	21	36	+18	LWDWD
6	Norwich	20	34	+11	LDWLW
7	QPR	21	34	+8	DDLWW
8	Liverpool	21	32	+7	LWDDD
9	Aston Villa	21	31	+1	LDDLL
10	Ipswich	22	30	-4	DWDWD
11	West Ham	22	30	-7	WLWLD
12	Wimbledon	21	28	-4	DLWWL
13	Sheffield Wed	21	27	+8	WWDLW
14	Tottenham	22	27	+3	LDWDL
15	Coventry	20	27	-2	LWLDW
16	Everton	21	25	-6	DWLDL
17	Manchester City	21	19	-8	LLWLL
18	Oldham	22	19	-18	DWLDL
19	Sheffield Utd	22	18	-15	DWDLD
20	Southampton	22	17	-12	LLLLW
21	Chelsea	20	15	-12	DLLDL
22	Swindon	22	14	-28	DLDWL

Change ▲ Up — Stayed the same — ▼ Down

☐ *Not including last night's match: Everton v Sheffield Wed*

HOMES: Newcastle Tottenham. Sotton. |

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Watford stage spirited revival

Lineker discovers charity begins at home in Leicester

Leicester City 4
Watford 4

By Rob Hughes
Football Correspondent

SOME footballers, thankfully even some millionaire footballers, never outgrow the lure of being a home-town fan. Gary Lineker was among the biggest morning crowd for a Boxing Day programme match at Filbert Street for 15 years and, along with 21,743 others, sat in disbelief as a game dire in the first half became a Christmas charity thereafter.

With his customary ability to get straight to the heart of the matter, Lineker, the free-scoring spirit of Leicester past, was able to sum up: "That had everything. The two goals from David Oldfield would have graced any place in the world, but how Watford scored four times I will never know. It was charity, to say the least."

Leicester, purporting to be the team that this season will capitalise on their haunting near-misses in the promotion chases of previous years, dominated but laboured on a frost-bound pitch after the kick-off had been delayed because of crowd congestion.

Their domination owed much to two players who might have been thought past their best: at left back, Colin Gibson, the third choice for Leicester, showed a perception and an accuracy with his passes that was sometimes beyond the forwards he was aiming at. Beyond all bar David Speedie, balding but still the same old Speedie. In possession he demonstrated the rare ability to hold the ball, if not the ability to control his temper. Frustrated by the absence of the injured Julian Joachim, he might have gone into the book of referee Leach, a police constable, three times.

However, though Watford have gone ten matches without a League win and though their youthful team often looked gawky and immature, Leicester were restricted to a single goal in the first half, a penalty expertly converted by Thompson after Hessenthaler had tripped Agnew.

But then the charity began. Both teams scored in the 51st minute. Ward, the Leicester goalkeeper, dropped a header from Hessenthaler and Dyer poached the goal. Thirty seconds later, straight from the kick-off, Agnew sped up the left flank, his cross was low and inviting, and Oldfield's right-foot volley gave Digweed no chance.

Three minutes later, Leicester gift-wrapped another equaliser from another corner. This time it was Furlong who accepted a free header. The game produced a little nastiness when Dyer hacked at the heels of Gibson and Agnew, incensed by the slowness of the referee's response, attempted to take the law into his own hands, literally. When Agnew's hands were removed from the throat of Dyer, the referee had little alternative but to book them both.

Agnew also made some of the most positive contributions of the afternoon. In the 73rd minute he burst clear from the halfway line and when Lowe returned the ball to him, Agnew cleverly dummied and allowed it to run to Oldfield, whose finish was again emphatic.

For the third time Watford proved that whatever their shortcomings, spirit is not lacking. They came from behind again to equalise nine minutes from time with a comic goal. Gibson, in trying to clear, struck the ball against the shin of Furlong and it spun into the far corner of Ward's net.

On the stroke of the ninetieth minute Watford had the audacity to take the lead. The Leicester defence was static, the centre backs standing and staring as Furlong prodded the ball between them. Ward belatedly ambled off his line and Dyer skipped around him and scored.

In injury time, however, Leicester equalised when Ormondroyd, left with the freedom of the six-yard box after Digweed failed to clear first a corner and then a cross from Thompson, nodded the ball in to the unguarded net.

Some spectators are never satisfied. Lineker, wearing a ski boot over the injured right foot on which he will have further specialist opinion in Chicago in two weeks' time, said: "One of the things they do in Japan is follow a game like this with sudden death. I was cynical about it, but I'm really sold on it. You fancy a little bit more than shared points when you have a crowd as big as this and a game that needs a result."

Talking of needs, Lineker believes that England's need for leadership should be decided in favour of his former manager, Terry Venables, with Bryan Robson, Ray Wilkins or Kevin Keegan as his assistant.

"But as a Leicester man, I found it unnerving today," he concluded. "Since I left the club, I've never seen them win. Perhaps I'd better stay away from now on."

LEICESTER CITY (4-4-2): G Ward — G Coatsworth, S Grayson, C Hill, C Gibson — S Thompson, D Oldfield, S Agnew, L Philpott (sub: I Ormondroyd, 83min) — D Speedie (sub: D Lowe, 46), I Roberts.
WATFORD (4-4-2): P Digweed — G Lavin, M Watson, D Holdsworth, A McCarthy — L Nogan (sub: J Soloman, 82), A Hessenthaler, R Johnson, G Porter — B Dyer, P Furlong.
Referee: K Leach.

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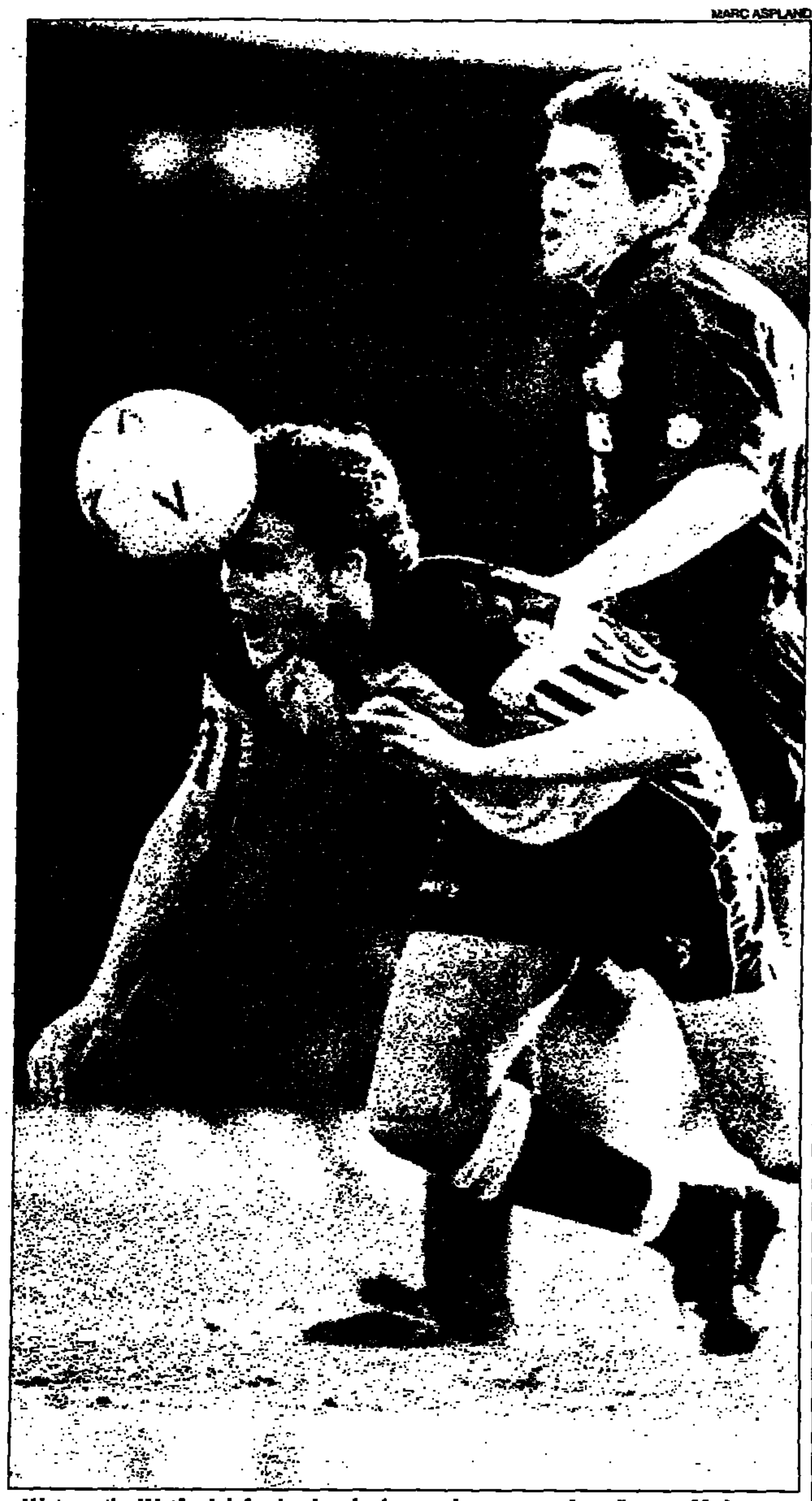

Watson, the Watford defender, heads clear under pressure from Lowe, of Leicester

Johnson lays out plans for take-over

Tranmere Rovers 1
Wolverhampton Wndrs .. 1

By Oliver Holt

AN AIR of uncertainty pervaded the excitement at Prenton Park yesterday as Tranmere Rovers's promotion push faltered in the Birkenhead gloom and the man who inspired their unlikely rise to prominence put the finishing touches to his bid to transfer his allegiances across the River Mersey to Everton.

Peter Johnson, the Tranmere chairman, who laid the foundations for his £100 million fortune selling Christmas hampers and saved the club from extinction when he took over in 1987, arrived at the match fresh from presenting his £20 million bid to the Goodison Park board. Ironically, he found himself amid the biggest league crowd at the ground during his tenure.

The Wolverhampton Wanderers supporters, more accustomed to the splendour of the refurbished Molineux, mocked these more modest surroundings. But although Johnson has spent more sparingly than their benefactor, Sir Jack Hayward, he appears to have spent more wisely, confining the expenditure of the manager, John King to bargain buys such as Pat Nevin, John Aldridge and Mark Proctor.

The discrepancy between the two policies could hardly be greater, but Tranmere set about accentuating the gulf when they opened the scoring inside 20 seconds. Before a visiting outfield player had touched the ball, Brannan curled in a cross, Aldridge shot and when the ball squirmed from Stowell's grasp Irons was on hand to prod it in.

Three minutes later, Aldridge lobbed wide after easily evading a primitive offside trap and, after a spell when they allowed Wolves to take the game to them, the home team should have gone further ahead when the Republic of Ireland striker put Malkin clear. But the rangy striker, who has gained a reputation for profligate finishing, delayed his shot and when it seemed he could advance no further hit the ball tamely against Stowell's legs and watched it rebound to safety.

Aldridge was forced off with an ankle injury at half-time, but Branch, his replacement, a winger possessed of a fine left foot and rare crossing ability, almost immediately created a fine chance for Proctor, which the former Middlesbrough midfielder blasted over the bar.

Wolves, gradually growing in confidence in midfield, where the wispy Keen was complemented by the workmanlike skills of Birch, equalised after 61 minutes when Masters headed the ball into the path of Bull, who unleashed an unstoppable volley past Nixon from the edge of the penalty area.

It was one of only two half-chances that the former England striker had all afternoon, and he took it with aplomb.

Stowell produced a fine save from Nevin's volley three minutes later, and Malkin went close when he beat two players on the edge of the penalty area but could not guide the ball under the crossbar after he had chipped it over Stowell 15 minutes from the end.

Johnson has made it clear that if he decamps to Everton his Tranmere shares will remain in safe hands and away from the attention of potential predators, but there are dark whispers that the club will have to sell a player a season to survive if he leaves.

A draw was bad enough, but the result of Johnson's contest with Bill Kenwright, the theatre impresario, for control of Everton, could be far more important for the future of the club.

TRANMERE ROVERS (4-2-4): E Nixon — G Brannan, D Higgins, S Garnett, I Nolan — M Proctor, K Irons — J Morrissey, J Aldridge (sub: G Branch, 45min), C Malkin, P Nevin
WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS: (5-3-2): M Stowell — A Thompson, M Venus, N Masters, P Blades, P Shirtliff — K Keen, P Birch, P Cook — S Bull, D Kelly
Referee: W Burns

Portsmouth in need of goalscorer to further promotion ambitions

Walsh: craft and ambition

Millwall 0
Portsmouth 0

By David Powell

JIM Smith, the Portsmouth manager, is not impressed with the first division, describing it yesterday as "ordinary", a word which might just as easily have been applied to this match had it not been for Paul Walsh.

Smith nominates Walsh as the best player outside the Premiership and, if that is arguable, he may at least be the first division's Peter Beardsley. His performance here, full of craft and ambition, was typical of his recent form and Smith's talk of needing a new forward cannot make Walsh feel the slightest bit threatened.

Portsmouth remain on the edge of the promotion race, chasing Millwall, who are third. With better support for Walsh, they would not only have ended Millwall's sequence of five successive wins, but denied them a ninth game without defeat.

Neil Emblen, signed recently from Sittingbourne, should not feel embarrassed. "There will be a few more centre-halves who will have nightmares against this little fella," Mick McCarthy, the Millwall manager, acknowledged. Walsh, working his artistry down both flanks, set up McLoughlin for an early header, but it lacked force and was held by Keller.

Then, shortly before the interval, Walsh took possession on the halfway line and seized on the uncertainty of the retreating Stevens and Emblen to carve an opening. The shot did not match the run and Keller gathered easily.

On his next advance Walsh, without a colleague nearby, drew four Millwall players to crowd him out. The lesson to watch Walsh had got through to Millwall, but was forgotten over half-time. Walsh found himself unmarked in the Portsmouth penalty area early in the second half, but was given no chance with the pass.

The closest either side came to scoring, in the 65th minute, was Walsh's doing; he put Kristensen clear and the lob beat Keller, leaving the Millwall goalkeeper to chase back and gratefully retrieve the ball as it bounced back off a post.

Other chances fell Portsmouth's way, not many but enough to justify Smith's observation that his side should have won.

McLoughlin's pass to Durnin exposed Stevens's lack of pace, but, thankfully for Millwall, Keller had enough time to rush off his line to block the shot. Twelve minutes from time, Durnin was again denied by Keller when the Millwall goalkeeper went down sharply to his right to stop the volley.

Durnin may feel less comfortable than Walsh over Smith's intentions to sign a goalscorer. Whittingham, who scored a Portsmouth club record of 42 goals last season before going to Aston Villa, is being missed.

Smith said his side's lack of goals concerned him. "I tried to do something about it before today's game and I shall be endeavouring to do something in the new year," he said.

"There is no competition up front. We only have Durnin and Walsh and we need to alter that. That was our sixth draw away from home and six could have been won by taking our chances."

Millwall are unrecognisable from the club which went into the top division in 1988 before being relegated two years later. The New Den, in its first season, is more of a pleasure than the old one, but the team, on yesterday's evidence, does not match up. Only Stevens, now the captain, survives from Millwall's debut season in the old first division, when Sheringham and Cascarino were Millwall men. In those days Millwall never had to wait until the 71st minute before putting a decent shot on target as they did yesterday.

Until Barber brought out a flying save from Knight, the Portsmouth goalkeeper's only serious work had been to keep out a deflection from a colleague, Kristensen.

MILLWALL (4-3-3): K Keller — A Dolby (sub. M Beard, 88min), N Emblen, K Stevens, R Huxford — P Barber, A Roberts, A Rae — M Kennedy (sub: E Verveer, 68min), J Goodman, D Mitchell.
PORTSMOUTH (4-4-2): A Knight — W Neill, G Butters, K Symons, A Dobson — R Daniel, A McLoughlin, L Russell (sub: M Chamberlain, 74min), B Kristensen — J Durnin, P Walsh.
Referee: I Borrett.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS AND TABLES

FA Carling Premiership

IPSWICH (1) 1 Linighan 36 — WEST HAM (0) 1 Chapman 77 — 21,024
QPR (0) 2 White 56 Penrice 71 — OLDHAM (0) 0 — 13,218
SOUTHAMPTON (1) 3 Widdrington 29 Dowie 66 Bennett 88 — CHELSEA (1) 1 Stein 40 — 14,221
SWINDON (0) 0 — ARSENAL (2) 4 Campbell 19, 26, 68 Wright 89 — 17,651
TOTTENHAM (0) 1 Barmby 74 — NORWICH (2) 3 Sutton 27, 90 Ekoku 36 — 33,130

Postponed: Aston Villa v Manchester City.

		HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Man Utd	22	8	4	0	25	10	8	1	1	19	8	53
2 Leeds	22	8	1	1	23	12	3	6	3	14	13	40
3 Blackburn	21	6	3	2	14	8	5	3	2	16	10	39
4 Arsenal	22	6	3	2	14	6	4	4	3	10	5	37
5 Newcastle	21	6	3	2	22	8	4	3	3	16	12	36
6 Norwich	20	3	3	2	5	5	6	4	2	26	17	34
7 QPR	21	6	3	1	21	11	4	1	6	15	17	34
8 Liverpool	21	7	2	2	20	11	2	3	5	13	15	32
9 A Villa	21	4	2	4	10	10	4	5	2	14	13	31
10 Ipswich	22	4	5	3	11	13	3	4	3	10	12	30
11 West Ham	22	5	3	3	11	10	3	3	5	8	16	30
12 Wimbledon	21	4	4	3	14	11	3	3	4	10	17	28
13 Sheff Wed	21	4	5	2	23	13	2	4	4	14	16	27
14 Tottenham	22	3	5	3	18	15	3	4	4	12	12	27
15 Coventry	21	4	5	2	10	9	2	4	4	13	16	27
16 Everton	21	4	1	5	10	15	3	3	5	10	11	25
17 Man City	21	2	4	4	11	14	2	3	6	8	13	19
18 Oldham	22	2	4	4	11	16	2	3	7	5	18	19
19 Sheff Utd	22	3	5	3	11	12	0	4	7	7	21	18
20 Southmptn	22	4	1	6	15	17	1	1	9	7	17	17
21 Chelsea	20	3	3	4	8	9	0	3	7	5	16	15
22 Swindon	22	2	4	6	11	24	0	4	6	8	23	14

Endsleigh Insurance League

First division

BARNSLEY (0) 0 — DERBY (1) 1 Kitson 31 — 11,565
BOLTON (0) 0 — SUNDERLAND (0) 0 — 18,496
GRIMSBY (1) 2 Livingstone 13 Walker 84 (og) — NOTTS COUNTY (1) 2 Lund 43 Devlin 64 — 7,781
LEICESTER (1) 4 Thompson 31 (pen) Oldfield 52, 73 Ormondroyd 90 — WATFORD (0) 4 Dyer 51, 89 Furlong 56, 81 — 21,744
MILLWALL (0) 0 — PORTSMOUTH (0) 0 — 12,104
NOTTM FOREST (0) 1 Collymore 68 — MIDDLSBORO (0) 1 Moore 49 — 26,901
OXFORD UTD (0) 1 Dyer 51 — C PALACE (1) 3 Armstrong 44, 90 Salako 55 — 10,356
PETERBORO (0) 0 — LUTON (0) 0 — 9,522
SOUTHEND (2) 4 Jones 18 Lee 35 Otto 78 Bressington 90 (pen) — CHARLTON (1) 2 Leaburn 43 Pardew 89 — 10,123
Sent off: Bodley (Southend) 81, Walsh (Charlton) 85, Chapple (Charlton) 90
TRANMERE (1) 1 Irons 1 — WOLVERHMPTN (0) 1 Bull 61 — 15,609
WEST BROM (0) 0 — BRISTOL C (1) 1 Tinnion 42 — 22,888

		HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 C Palace	22	7	2	1	20	8	6	2	4	22	16	43
2 Tranmere	23	8	2	2	24	12	4	3	4	11	12	41
3 Millwall	23	7	4	1	20	10	4	3	4	12	18	40
4 Charlton	22	7	2	2	17	6	4	3	4	10	14	38
5 Southend	22	6	3	2	21	11	5	1	5	17	18	37
6 Leicester	22	6	4	1	26	14	4	3	4	10	9	37
7 Stoke	22	8	0	3	18	11	3	3	5	16	24	36
8 Portsmouth	23	6	3	2	17	10	3	6	3	14	19	36
9 Bristol C	23	6	3	2	16	8	4	3	5	12	18	36
10 Nottm F	21	5	4	2	17	13	4	2	4	15	13	33
11 Derby	21	7	0	2	21	13	3	3	6	11	20	33
12 Wolvrhmptn	22	4	6	1	19	11	2	5	4	16	15	29
13 Bolton	22	4	5	2	15	11	3	3	5	13	16	29
14 Middlesboro	21	4	3	3	15	8	3	4	4	14	18	28
15 Notts Co	22	7	1	2	19	11	1	2	9	10	28	27
16 West Brom	21	5	4	3	24	18	1	2	6	9	15	24
17 Sunderland	21	6	1	4	16	11	1	2	7	4	19	24
18 Grimsby	21	2	7	1	13	8	2	4	5	14	18	23
19 Birmingham	22	5	3	4	14	16	1	2	7	8	16	23
20 Luton	22	5	0	5	16	12	1	4	7	9	18	22
21 Watford	22	4	4	3	18	18	1	2	8	12	27	21
22 Barnsley	23	2	2	8	10	20	3	4	4	17	21	21
23 Oxford Utd	22	4	2	5	16	18	1	3	7	10	23	20
24 Peterboro	21	3	6	3	13	11	0	2	7	4	17	17

Second division

BOURNEMOUTH (0) 0 — BRENTFORD (2) 3 Mundee 18 (pen) Harvey 23 Bartram 76 (og) — 5,744
BRADFORD (1) 2 Reid 33 Duxbury 86 — ROTHERHAM (0) 1 Goodwin 89 — 7,765
BRIGHTON (1) 1 Chapman 26 (pen) — BARNET (0) 0 — 10,053
BURNLEY (0) 2 Russell 51 Davis 62 — WREXHAM (1) 1 Watkin 16 — 15,357
Sent off: Humes (Wrexham) 33
FULHAM (0) 0 — PORT VALE (0) 0 — 5,760
HARTLEPOOL (1) 1 Southall 40 (pen) — HUDDERSFLD (2) 4 Jepson 5 Onuora 37 Bullock 56 Trevitt 83 — 3,286
Sent off: Houchen (Hartlepool) 62
L ORIENT (1) 2 Cockerill 30 Okai 63 — CAMBRIDGE UTD (0) 1 Corazzin 69 — 6,300
YORK (0) 0 — HULL (0) 0 — 8,481
Sent off: Cooper (York) 66

Matches postponed: Bristol Rovers v Reading, Stockport v Blackpool.

		HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Reading	20	7	3	0	20	8	6	2	2	24	13	44
2 Stockport	20	8	0	2	25	8	4	4	2	11	10	40
3 Plymouth	20	7	2	1	21	10	4	2	4	18	18	37
4 Port Vale	21	6	3	1	24	10	4	3	4	14	14	36
5 Burnley	21	9	1	1	28	11	2	2	6	9	15	36
6 Bristol R	20	5	4	1	16	10	5	1	4	10	11	35
7 Brentford	21	5	3	2	12	7	4	4	3	15	11	34
8 Blackpool	21	8	1	2	24	14	2	2	6	13	20	33
9 Hull	21	5	3	2	20	12	4	2	5	17	22	32
10 Bradford	21	6	2	3	20	12	3	3	4	13	18	32
11 L Orient	21	5	4	2	17	12	3	2	5	10	18	30
12 Bournemth	20	5	3	3	15	13	3	3	3	8	9	30
13 York	21	4	3	4	15	10	4	2	4	11	12	29
14 Wrexham	21	6	3	1	25	14	1	3	7	8	21	27
15 Cambs Utd	21	4	3	3	13	10	3	3	5	16	21	27
16 Exeter	20	5	3	2	25	18	1	4	5	7	21	25
17 Cardiff	20	4	3	3	18	15	1	6	3	12	18	24
18 Huddersfld	21	3	3	4	9	13	3	3	5	14	18	24
19 Swansea	21	5	3	2	17	11	1	2	8	7	21	23
20 Rotherham	21	3	3	4	14	16	2	3	6	13	20	21
21 Fulham	21	2	3	6	9	19	3	1	6	12	18	19
22 Brighton	21	2	5	4	8	12	2	2	6	10	21	19
23 Hartlepool	22	3	2	6	11	16	1	3	7	8	17	17
24 Barnet	21	1	1	8	10	18	1	2	8	12	31	9

Third division

COLCHESTER (0) 0 — MANSFLD (0) 0 — 3,476
DARLINGTON (1) 1 Cross 20 — CARLISLE (3) 3 Reeves 9, 41 Graham 18 — 4,800
GILLINGHAM (1) 1 Terry 45 (og) — NORTHMPTN (0) 0 — 4,648
HEREFORD (0) 0 — SHREWSBURY (1) 1 Clarke 18 — 4,333
LINCOLN (1) 2 Johnson 2 West 80 — SCUNTHORPE (0) 0 — 6,030
PRESTON (1) 1 Ellis 45 — CHESTER (1) 1 Nebbeling 40 (og) — 12,790
TORQUAY (1) 1 Trollope 28 — WYCOMBE (0) 1 Evans 81 — 4,991
WALSALL (0) 0 — BURY (0) 1 Carter 50 — 6,248
Sent off: McDonald (Walsall) 65

Matches postponed: Chesterfield v Doncaster, Crewe v Wigan.

		HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Crewe	19	9	1	0	26	11	3	3	3	16	16	40
2 Preston	20	7	2	2	27	15	4	2	3	20	19	37
3 Chester	20	5	2	2	12	6	6	1	4	24	16	36
4 Wycombe	20	5	2	2	17	11	4	6	1	18	16	35
5 Walsall	20	4	3	4	18	13	6	2	1	9	4	35
6 Shrewsbury	20	3	4	2	12	11	6	2	3	20	15	33
7 Bury	20	6	2	1	20	9	3	2	6	11	18	31
8 Scunthorpe	20	5	3	1	18	6	3	3	5	8	10	30
9 Rochdale	19	5	3	2	16	6	3	2	4	14	13	29
10 Torquay	20	2	8	1	18	16	4	2	3	15	14	28
11 Lincoln	19	5	2	3	18	15	3	2	4	15	18	28
12 Mansfield	20	5	1	3	12	12	2	5	4	12	19	27
13 Chesterfld	18	6	1	3	16	11	2	1	5	10	20	26
14 Doncaster	19	5	1	3	16	13	3	1	6	8	15	26
15 Carlisle	20	3	3	3	16	13	3	4	4	12	10	25
16 Colchester	19	6	2	3	22	18	1	1	6	13	25	24
17 Gillingham	20	5	4	2	16	11	1	2	6	9	17	24
18 Hereford	19	3	1	6	17	18	2	2	5	11	23	18
19 Scarboro	19	2	0	7	9	18	3	3	4	12	16	18
20 Wigan	19	2	2	5	17	21	2	2	6	9	18	16
21 Darlington	20	3	3	5	16	17	0	3	6	7	18	15
22 Northmptn	20	2	3	4	10	12	0	2	9	8	25	11

GM Vauxhall Conference

BROMSGROVE (0) 0 — KIDDRMNSTR (2) 3 Davies 9 Purdie 29 Humphreys 86 — 3,938
DAG & RED (0) 0 Crown 49 Broom 82 — KETTERING (0) 0 Brown 45, 62 Graham 67 — 1,376
Sent off: De Souza (Dag and Red) 56
NORTHWICH (0) 0 — WITTON (0) 1 Rose 53 — 2,897
RUNCORN (2) 2 McInerny 8 McKenna 32 — STAFFORD (1) 2 Mee 25 Fiffley 46 — 716
WELLING (2) 2 Hone 14 Reynolds 31 — DOVER (0) 0 — 2,022
WOKING (1) 2 Rattray 7 Dennis 69 (pen) — SLOUGH (0) 1 Hazel 53 — 2,913
YEOVIL (1) 1 Wilson 27 — BATH (0) 2 Adcock 63 Batty 76 — 3,371

Matches postponed: Altrincham v Macclesfield, Halifax v Gateshead, Stalybridge v Southport, Telford v Merthyr.

		HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Kiddrmnstr	21	7	2	1	14	3	4	2	5	16	16	37
2 Kettering	19	4	5	0	9	4	5	3	2	13	7	35
3 Southport	20	5	5	1	17	12	4	2	3	14	13	34
4 Welling	18	5	2	3	11	7	3	4	1	11	7	30
5 Woking	19	7	2	2	21	13	1	4	3	7	15	30
6 Bath	20	3	4	4	19	14	4	4	1	13	7	29
7 Dover	20	7	1	2	17	7	2	1	7	9	17	29
8 Stafford	21	6	2	3	20	13	1	5	4	11	17	28
9 Slough	22	6	1	3	18	12	1	6	5	5	12	28
10 Merthyr	20	4	6	0	15	6	2	4	4	13	16	28
11 Runcorn	19	6	2	2	23	14	0	6	3	10	18	26
12 Bromsgrove	17	2	4	3	14	14	4	1	3	13	15	23
13 Macclesfield	19	4	2	4	18	14	3	0	6	10	20	23
14 Dag and Red	17	4	3	1	17	10	1	4	4	5	12	22
15 Witton	21	3	4	3	12	12	2	3	6	5	13	22
16 Halifax	18	2	5	1	14	6	2	4	4	16	22	21
17 Gateshead	17	2	4	1	9	6	3	2	5	12	18	21
18 Yeovil	20	4	2	5	16	14	1	4	4	10	17	21
19 Northwich	19	2	5	2	8	8	2	4	4	7	18	21
20 Altrincham	17	2	3	3	6	9	2	2	5	6	10	17
21 Stalybridge	15	1	3	3	6	10	1	5	2	7	8	14
22 Telford	17	1	5	2	8	10	1	2	6	5	16	13

Merthyr 2 pts deducted

Scottish League

Premier division

DUNDEE UTD (0) 0 — ABERDEEN (1) 1 Jess 16 — 12,067
HIBERNIAN (1) 5 Hamilton 41 Farrell 59 Jackson 69 (pen) McAllister 72 Wright 82 — PARTICK (0) 1 Tierney 52 — 10,164
RANGERS (1) 2 Hateley 21, 70 — HEARTS (1) 2 Millar 10 Robertson 90 (pen) — 45,116

Matches postponed: Kilmarnock v Dundee, Raith v St Johnstone.

		HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Aberdeen	24	8	4	0	21	5	2	7	3	11	13	31
2 Rangers	24	5	3	4	19	17	8	5	1	19	9	30
3 Motherwell	23	6	3	2	15	9	6	2	4	17	15	29
4 Celtic	23	6	5	1	13	4	3	5	3	15	13	28
5 Hibernian	24	7	3	2	20	11	3	4	5	14	17	27
6 Kilmarnock	23	3	6	2	10	9	4	4	4	11	12	24
7 Dundee Utd	24	3	7	2	12	11	3	5	4	12	14	24
8 Partick	24	5	4	3	15	11	1	5	6	14	24	21
9 Hearts	24	4	4	4	13	13	1	8	5	5	11	20
10 St Jnstne	23	4	3	5	15	18	1	5	5	4	12	18
11 Raith	23	2	6	3	13	18	2	4	6	12	21	18
12 Dundee	23	3	4	5	14	15	1	0	10	8	19	12

First division

Matches postponed: Clyde v Morton, Clydebank v Ayr, Falkirk v Dunfermline, St Mirren v Airdrie, Stirling v Dumbarton.

		HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Dunfermline	23	10	0	2	40	12	5	3	3	18	10	33
2 Airdrie	23	7	4	1	21	11	7	1	3	19	10	33
3 Falkirk	21	6	2	2	17	12	6	4	1	21	8	30
4 Clydebank	23	6	3	2	18	14	5	3	4	19	11	28
5 Hamilton	22	7	2	2	22	10	2	4	5	11	22	24
6 St Mirren	22	4	1	5	9	11	5	4	3	19	17	23
7 Stirling	22	5	3	3	15	15	4	1	6	12	19	22
8 Ayr	23	3	4	5	10	15	4	3	4	9	13	21
9 Dumbarton	23	4	3	5	17	18	4	1	6	13	16	20
10 Clyde	23	4	2	5	11	12	1	2	9	10	25	14
11 Morton	22	2	5	5	11	16	1	3	6	10	22	14
12 Brechin	23	3	1	7	9	20	0	1	11	6	27	8

Second division

QUEEN'S PARK (1) 2 Rodden 20 O'Neill 69 (pen) — ALLOA (0) 1 Lamont 47 — 1,098
STRANRAER (1) 1 Ferguson 3 — E STIRLING (0) 0 — 780

Matches postponed: Albion v Montrose, Arbroath v East Fife, Stenhousemuir v Meadowbank.

		HOME					AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1 Stranraer	19	9	0	1	23	9	4	3	2	11	8	29
2 Alloa	20	4	4	2	7	5	5	3	2	16	12	25
3 Stnhsemuir	19	5	3	1	17	7	5	0	5	12	15	23
4 Meadowbk	19	4	5	1	17	11	4	1	4	12	13	22
5 Forfar	19	4	3	4	15	13	4	2	2	14	9	21
6 East Fife	19	5	3	2	23	15	4	0	5	10	12	21
7 Q of South	19	5	0	5	26	14	3	3	3	15	13	19
8 Berwick	19	4	3	2	17	10	2	4	4	12	14	19
9 East Stirling	20	3	1	6	15	22	3	4	3	14	15	17
10 Arbroath	19	3	3	3	16	16	3	1	6	7	20	16
11 Montrose	18	3	1	4	7	9	3	2	5	18	23	15
12 Albion	19	1	2	6	6	15	3	4	3	12	12	14
13 Queen's Pk	20	4	3	3	14	14	0	3	7	9	30	14
14 Cowdenbth	19	0	2	7	9	17	4	3	3	15	16	13

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Emley 4 Accrington Stanley 2; Gainsborough 2 Boston 2; Marine 1 Colwyn Bay 1; Morecambe 1 Barrow 2; Whitley Bay 4 Bridlington 3. Matches postponed: Bishop Auckland v Frickley, Buxton v Matlock; Chorley v Horwich; Droylsden v Hyde, Knowsley Utd v Fleetwood; Winsford v Leek. First division: Goole Town 0 Worksop Town 0. Matches postponed: Alfreton Town v Eastwood Town; Curzon Ashton v Ashton Utd; Great Harwood Town v Bamber Bridge; Gretna v Congleton Town, Guiseley v Harrogate Town; Mossley v Caernarfon Town; Radcliffe Borough v Lancaster City; Warrington Town v Farsley Celtic; Workington v Spennymoor Utd.

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Chesham 1 Aylesbury 4; Dulwich 1 Bromley 2; Grays 1 Wivenhoe 0; Hendon 0 Hayes 2; Marlow 3 Wokingham 1; Molesey 1 Kingstonian 1; St Albans 2 Enfield 1; Stevenage Borough 1 Hitchin 2; Sutton Utd 2 Carshalton 2; Yeading 2 Harrow 0. Match postponed: Basingstoke v Dorking. First division: Abingdon Town 1 Chalfont St Peter 1; Billericay Town 2 Purfleet 2; Bognor Regis Town 0 Worthing 0; Boreham Wood 0 Berkhamsted Town 0; Heybridge Swifts 2 Bishop's Stortford 3; Maidenhead Utd 4 Windsor and Eton 1; Uxbridge 2 Staines Town 0; Walton and Hersham 1 Tooting and Mitcham 1; Wembley 2 Ruislip Manor 0; Whyteleafe 6 Croydon 1. Second division: Aldershot Town 3 Thame Utd 0; Banstead Athletic 1 Lewes 0; Barton Rovers 3 Ware 2, Collier Row 0 Tilbury 3; Egham Town 0 Hampton 2; Hemel Hempstead 1 Edgware Town 1; Leatherhead 1 Chertsey Town 5; Metropolitan Police 1 Malden Vale 1; Rainham Town 0 Aveley 1, Saffron Walden Town 2 Witham 1. Match postponed: Hungerford Town v Newbury Town. Third division: Camberley Town 5 Cove 1, Cheshunt 2 Hertford Town 2; Clapton 3 East Thurrock Utd 2; Harlow Town 1 Royston Town 0; Horsham 2 Epsom and Ewell 5; Kingsbury Town 1 Feltham and Hounslow B 0; Leighton Town 1, Tring Town 1; Northwood 0 Flackwell Heath 1; Southall 2 Harefield Utd 1.

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Aberystwyth 2 Inter Cardiff 4, Bangor 2 Porthmadog 1; Briton Ferry 2 Llanelli 3; Caersws 0 Newtown 1, Ebbw Vale 3 Afan Lido 1; Flint Town Utd 2 Connah's Quay 1; Llansantffraid 1 Conwy 2; Ton Pentre 0 Cwmbran 2. Matches postponed: Haverfordwest v Maesteg Park; Mold v Holywell.

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Ards 5 Bangor 3; Ballyclare 4 Omagh Town 1; Carrick 2 Larne 1; Cliftonville 2 Crusaders 1; Coleraine 5 Ballymena 2; Glentoran 0 Linfield 2; Newry 0 Distillery 1; Portadown 3 Glenavon 1

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Derry City 2 St Patrick's Athletic 0; Dundalk 0 Galway Utd 0; Limerick 0 Bohemians 0; Shamrock Rovers 2 Drogheda Utd 0

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Bashley 5 Farnborough 0; Cambridge City 1 Corby Town 0; Cheltenham 0 Trowbridge 1; Crawley 3 Hastings 0; Gresley Rovers 0 Burton 4; Moor Green 1 Solihull 1; Sittingbourne 1 Chelmsford 2; Waterlooville 2 Dorchester 0; Worcester 2 Gloucester 0. Matches postponed: Atherstone v Nuneaton, Hednesford v Halesowen. Midland division: Evesham Utd 3 RC Warwick 3; King's Lynn 1 Grantham Town 0; Rushden and Diamonds 1 VS Rugby 1; Weston-super-Mare 0 Clevedon Town 1; Yate Town 2 Forest Green Rovers 1. Matches postponed: Bedworth Utd v Armitage; Bridgnorth Town v Bilston Town; Hinckley Town v Leicester Utd; Newport AFC v Redditch Utd; Stourbridge v Dudley Town; Tamworth v Sutton Coldfield Town. Southern division: Ashford Town 2 Gravesend and Northfleet 2; Baldock Town 1 Braintree Town 0; Erith and Belvedere 1 Tonbridge AFC 3; Margate 2 Canterbury City 0, Newport IOW 0 Fareham Town 0; Sudbury Town 4 Bury Town 1; Weymouth 2 Poole Town 1. Matches postponed: Buckingham Town v Witney Town; Burnham v Fisher 93; Dunstable v Wealdstone; Havant Town v Salisbury City.

JEWSON LEAGUE: Premier division: Cornard Utd 0 Sudbury Wanderers 2; Diss Town 4 Lowestoft Town 1; Fakenham Town 2 Watton Utd 3; Great Yarmouth Town 0 Gorleston 1; Haverhill Rovers 1 Halstead Town 3; Newmarket Town 2 Soham Town Rangers 2, Stowmarket Town 3 Felixstowe Town 0; Wroxham 2 Norwich Utd 1. Matches postponed: Histon v Chatteris Town; March Town Utd v Wisbech Town: Tiptree Utd v Harwich and Parkeston.

FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Chester-le-Street 1 Whitby Town 3, Dunston FB 3 Blyth Spartans 1; Eppleton CW 2 Brandon Utd 2; Guisborough Town 5 Murton 2; Northallerton Town 1 Billingham Synthonia 2; Seaham Red Star 0 Hebburn 0; Shildon 1 West Auckland 0. Matches postponed: Durham City v Consett; Newcastle Blue Star v Ferryhill Athletic; Stockton v Tow Law Town.

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES: First division: Clitheroe 1 Atherton LR 1. Matches postponed: Bootle v Prescot, Burscough v Skelmersdale Utd, Flixton v Salford City, Glossop North End v Chadderton, Maine Road v Darwen, Nantwich Town v Kidsgrove Athletic, Newcastle Town v Eastwood Hanley, Penrith v Bradford Park Avenue, Rossendale Utd v Bacup Borough, St Helens Town v Blackpool Rovers.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bideford 3 Crediton Utd 2; Bristol Manor Farm 1 Mangotsfield Utd 3; Chippenham Town 2 Calne Town 3; Elmore 0 Tiverton Town 6; Saltash Utd 2 Liskeard Athletic 1; Taunton Town 4 Exmouth Town 0.

JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: East Cowes Vics 2 Ryde Sports 0, Fleet Town 0 Thatcham Town 1; Swanage and Herston 2 Christchurch 2; Wimborne 3 Brockenhurst 2. Matches postponed: AFC Lymington v Bournemouth; AFC Totton v Eastleigh; Aerostructures v BAT; Downton v Bemerton Heath Harl; Whitchurch Utd v Andover.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Brigg Town 2 Denaby Utd 4; Lincoln Utd 7 Winterton Rangers 1; Maltby MW 0 North Ferriby Utd 0; Stocksbridge PS 7 Ashfield Utd 0. Matches postponed: Belper Town v Ossett Town; Glasshoughton Welfare v Eccleshill Utd; Liversedge v Sheffield; Ossett Albion v Hucknall Town; Pickering Town v Armthorpe Welfare; Thackley v Pontefract Colliery.

MINERVA SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Premier division: Hatfield Town 1 Hoddesdon Town 0; Langford 1 Bedford Town 4; Milton Keynes Borough 1 Buckingham Athletic 2; Potters Bar Town 1 Wingate and Finchley 3. Senior division: Shefford Town 5 The 61 FC (Luton) 1.

KENT COUNTY LEAGUE: Premier division: Aylesford 1 Oakwood 3; Knockholt 1 Sevenoaks 5; New Romney 1 Hythe Utd 1; Scott Sports 1 Lordswood 1; Stansfeld 3 Thames Poly 1, Teynham and Lynsted 5 Woodnesborough 0; VCD Athletic 1 Greenways 3.

WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE: First division: Alma Swanley 0 Furness 3, Beckenham Town 5 Cray Wanderers 0; Chatham Town 1 Tunbridge Wells 1; Dartford 6 Slade Green 1: Folkestone Invicta 3 Faversham Town 3; Ramsgate 1 Herne Bay 2; Thamesmead Town 3 Darenth Heathside 0; Whitstable Town 1 Deal Town 1.

LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Barkingside 6 Southgate Athletic 1, Beaconsfield Utd 1 Croydon Athletic 0, Brook House 1 Hillingdon Borough 4, Corinthian Casuals 5 St Andrews 0; Hanwell Town 3 Amersham Town 0; North Greenford Utd 0 Haringey Borough 2; St Margaretsbury 3 Walthamstow Pennant 1; Waltham Abbey 2 Cockfosters 3.

POOLS CHECK

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
1½	3	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	2	2½	2½	2	3	1½	2	1½	3	1½	1½	1½	2½

21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
1½	2	2	1½	1½	1½	2	1½	2	1½	1½	1½	1½	1½	3	3	1½	1½	3	1½

41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58
1½	1½	1½	3	1½	2	2½	1½	1½	3	2½	1½	1½	1½	2½	1½	1½	1½

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Maguire excels as Barton Bank shows his mettle

By Richard Evans, Racing Correspondent

THE genius of Adrian Maguire reaped its due reward at Kempton yesterday when he masterminded the victory of Barton Bank in the King George VI Tripleprint Chase and so recorded his hundredth riding success of the season.

In a thrilling finish which produced a roar of Desert Orchid-like proportions from a capacity crowd, David Nicholson's second-season chaser withstood the challenge of Bradbury Star to win by a head, with The Fellow, winner of the race for the past two years, ten lengths away in third.

Barton Bank is now likely to go straight for the Cheltenham Gold Cup for which Ladbrokes cut the seven-year-old to 5-1 second favourite, while Sporting Index have him at a best-priced 8-1.

The superlatives have difficulty keeping pace with the meteoric career of Maguire, who at the age of 22 is in only his third season as a professional jockey.

Nicholson rose to the occasion after he had gone through the routine of accompanying his stable jockey to the weighing room. "I have only been in racing since 1945," the winning trainer said with undue modesty, "but he is the best I have seen."

Some accolade, as one observer pointed out. "It's not an accolade; it's the truth," said Nicholson, who rode against the best in his youth before employing the best in the shape of Peter Scudamore and Richard Dunwoody.

"I left everything to Adrian as far as the tactics were concerned. He rode his own race. He has ridden him how he wanted to ride him. I didn't give him any orders and he has done everything right."

In a perverse way, the King George did not go according to plan. Instead of the trio of front-running horses — Rolling Ball, Young Hustler and

BIG-RACE DETAILS

2.20 KING GEORGE VI TRIPLEPRINT CHASE (Grade I: £51,780: 3m)
BARTON BANK br g Kambalda - Lucifer's Daughter (Mrs J Mould) 7-11-10 A Maguire (9-2) 1.
Bradbury Star b g Torus - Ware Princess (J Campbell) 8-11-10 D Murphy (5-1) 2.
The Fellow b g Italic - L'Oranaise (Marquesa de Moratalla) 8-11-10 A Kondrat (7-2 fav) 3.
ALSO RAN: 9-2 Young Hustler (4th), 6 Black Humour (pu), 8 Travado (f), 14 Docklands Express, Rolling Ball (pu), 20 Zeta's Lad (5th), 66 Nevada Gold (6th). 10 ran. NR: Another Coral. Hd, 10l, 10l, 15l. D Nicholson at Temple Guiting. Tote £5.80; £2.60, £2.10, £2.00. DF: £14.50. Trio: £21.70. CSF: £26.13.

Barton Bank — roaring off at breakneck speed, their jockeys decided, sensibly, to set a modest pace for the first circuit.

Going down the back straight for the second time, Travado ended the hopes of those who had backed him from 16-1 to 8-1 when falling seven fences from home. By now Barton Bank was firmly in the lead, but Maguire knew he would have to overcome one hiccup before he could begin to think of victory.

Although he has only fallen once over fences, Barton Bank has an unnerving habit of making one serious mistake every race. Maguire did not have to wait long. Approaching the final fence on the far side, the sixth sense of Maguire prepared him for the worst. "I was trying to bring him back six or seven strides from the fence as I knew he was going to hit it," he said.

Hit it he did, but it was not a calamitous blunder, and, head down, Barton Bank, powered on. Turning for home, Young Hustler began to go into reverse. The Fellow began to inch close to the leader, but none was travelling sweeter than Bradbury Star.

After his mistake, Barton Bank jumped the trio of fences in the home straight like an old pro. The Fellow was beaten when having to be switched before the final fence, but from the stands it looked likely that Declan Murphy had timed his run to perfection on Bradbury Star and was sure to prevail. But as the crowd cleared away any remaining festive cobwebs with a mighty roar, Barton Bank would not be denied.

"My horse just keeps drawing them out and sticking his head down," Maguire said. "Every young jockey has a big dream; that is what keeps them going. Racing is a great game when it works out like this."

The only sour note was the two-day riding suspension (January 5-6) imposed on Maguire and Murphy for using the whip with unreasonable frequency. The penalty may have been technically justified, but in a race of such excitement, it seemed rather harsh.

JULIAN HERBERT

Child Of The Mist helping Maguire reach a century of winners at Kempton

CHEPSTOW

THUNDERER
12.20 Mad Thyme
12.50 Earth Summit
1.20 Just You Dare
1.55 Cool Ground
2.25 Cabochon
3.00 Wide Boy
3.30 Chiaroscuro

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 1.55 RIVERSIDE BOY.

GOING: SOFT — SIS

12.20 LEVY BOARD NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,793: 2m 4f 110yd) (15 runners)

1 011142 KYTTON CASTLE 18 (D,G,S) (Joint Partnership) R Dickin 6-11-3 ... D Meredith (3) 85
2 211 BAY MISCHIEF 45 (F,S) (J Featherstone) N Twiston-Davies 4-11-0 ... C Llewellyn —
3 220-5 BRANDON PRINCE 31 (R Michaelson) I Balding 5-11-0 ... J Frost 99
4 /0362P/ CHEMIN LE ROI 633 (Mrs E Hitchins) Mrs J Pitman 6-11-0 ... I Lawrence —
5 DESERT RUN (P Barber) P Nicholls 5-11-0 ... R Dunwoody —
6 LETS RUMBLE (H Perry) R Alner 4-11-0 ... S Earle —
7 2F0P-43 MAD THYME 25 (R Jenks) N Gaselee 6-11-0 ... M Perrett 98
8 04-0 MARANO 18 (P Davenport) Mrs N Sharpe 5-11-0 ... M Bosley —
9 06-00 OUR ARNOLD 10 (J Pilkington) J Pilkington 6-11-0 ... P Maddock (7) 55
10 P50 OUR WIZZER 25 (P Glynn-Jones) J Mullins 4-11-0 ... S Hodgson —
11 PP-5P0P RUSTIC FLIGHT 25 (Flight Connection) R Eckley 6-11-0 ... D Gallagher 50
12 231 SEE ENOUGH 24 (S) (J Meaden) R Buckler 5-11-0 ... B Powell —
13 P20 SENIOR STEWARD 25 (R Lavelle) G Balding 5-11-0 ... J Railton 69
14 6001 ROCKY BAY 20 (S) (Lodge Cross Partners) B Llewellyn 4-10-13 ... Mr J L Llewellyn (7) 59
15 0FFP/00- THE QUAKER 309 (R Hawker) R Hawker 7-10-9 ... D Bridgwater —

BETTING: 11-4 Bay Mischief, 3-1 Kytton Castle, 9-2 Mad Thyme, 11-2 Brandon Prince, 8-1 others.
1992: LORD RELIC 6-11-4 J Lower (2-7 fav) M Pipe 7 ran

12.50 FESTIVE SPIRIT NOVICES CHASE — BBC2
(£3,038: 3m) (8 runners)

1 P50-321 EBONY GALE 28 (B,G,S) (P Whelan) Mrs J Pitman 7-11-10 ... I Lawrence 89
2 0-32182 EARTH SUMMIT 18 (B,D,G,S) (N Payne) N Twiston-Davies 5-11-9 ... C Llewellyn 85
3 03-U122 FIVELEIGH FIRST 17 (G) (The Equus Club) J Upson 5-11-9 ... R Supple 99
4 4653-42 FANTUS 31 (BF,G) (Hunt & Co (Bournemouth) Ltd) P Nicholls 6-11-5 ... R Dunwoody 80
5 P3F30-P SAM PEPPER 25 (Mrs S Farr) Mrs S Farr 7-11-5 ... S Mackey —
6 4910-2P SUFFOLK ROAD 12 (G,S) (Alpha Financial Futures) R Rowe 6-11-5 ... J Railton 72
7 YOUNG BRAVE (D Young) R Alner 7-11-5 ... S Earle —
8 24-2362 HAND OUT 15 (Melplash Racing) R Buckler 9-11-0 ... B Powell 72

BETTING: 13-8 Fiveleigh First, 5-2 Earth Summit, 4-1 Ebony Gale, 11-2 Fantus, 10-1 Young Brave, 20-1 others.
1992: CLAXTON GREENE 8-10-12 J Lower (5-2 fav) M Pipe 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

EBONY GALE beat The Golfing Curate 25l in an 8-runner novice chase at Fontwell (3m 2f 110yd, good). Previously 1½l 2nd of 6 to Fardross in a novice chase at Leicester (3m, good).
EARTH SUMMIT 2½l 2nd of 5 to See More Indians in a novice chase at Cheltenham (3m 1f 110yd, good). FIVELEIGH FIRST neck 2nd of 5 to Martomick in the grade II Lowndes Lambert Novice Chase at Lingfield (3m, good to soft). Previously ¾l 2nd of 7 to Spikey in a novice handicap chase at Ascot (3m 110yd, good) with EARTH SUMMIT (5lb better off) 29½l 6th. FANTUS head 2nd of 7 to Spirit Of Kibris in a novice chase at Newbury (2m 4f, good).
SUFFOLK ROAD 7l 2nd of 9 to Canoscan in a novice chase at Leicester (2m 4f 110yd, good to soft) on penultimate start.
Selection: FIVELEIGH FIRST

1.20 FINALE JUNIOR HURDLE — BBC2
(Grade I: 3-Y-O: £15,742: 2m 110yd) (14 runners)

1 1 ABJAR 71 (D,G) (P Kelleway) P Kelleway 11-0 ... DOUBTFUL 88
2 11 ADMIRAL'S WELL 17 (D,G,S) (A Spence) R Akehurst 11-0 ... D Bridgwater 83
3 1114 BURNT IMP 17 (D,F,G,S) (N Mason (Farms) Ltd) G Moore 11-0 ... J Callaghan 79
4 PP DIDACTE 41 (Albury Racing Limited) J McConnochie 11-0 ... R Bellamy —
5 12 GIORDANO 10 (B,D,S) (J Garrattey) P Evans 11-0 ... Gary Lyons 84
6 213 GRAND APPLAUSE 17 (D,G) (M Lewin) R Simpson 11-0 ... D Gallagher 82
7 2241 HEATHYARDS BOY 11 (D,S) (L Morgan) R Hollinshead 11-0 ... J Frost 72
8 JUST YOU DARE 87F (Mrs D Thompson) M Pipe 11-0 ... R Dunwoody —
9 1 KADASTROF 10 (D,S) (A Paton) R Dickin 11-0 ... D Meredith 69
10 12 NAWAR 17 (D,BF,S) (T Long) J Jenkins 11-0 ... J Railton 82
11 F SOLO CHARTER 10 (P Glynn-Jones) J Mullins 11-0 ... S Earle —
12 13 SPRING MARATHON 18 (D,S) (Mrs N Duffield) Mrs N Duffield 11-0 ... P Holley 73
13 0601U TOUCH SILVER 15 (D,BF,S) (H Manners) H Manners 11-0 ... A Tory 58
14 11 MYSILV 18 (D,G) (Million In Mind Partnership) D Nicholson 10-9 ... W Marston 99

BETTING: 6-4 Mysilv, 3-1 Just You Dare, 13-2 Admiral's Well, 8-1 Grand Applause, 10-1 Nawar, 12-1 Burnt Imp, 20-1 Heathyards Boy, Kadastrof, Spring Marathon, 50-1 others.
1992: DARE TO DREAM 11-0 D Bridgwater (9-2) R Akehurst 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

ADMIRAL'S WELL beat NAWAR neck in the grade II Wetton Cleaning Hurdle at Lingfield (2m 110yd, good to soft) with GRAND APPLAUSE (4lb better off) ¾l 3rd and BURNT IMP (7lb better off) 6l 4th. BURNT IMP beat Marros Mill 5l in the 7-runner Grade II Wensleydale Juvenile Hurdle at Wetherby (2m, good) on penultimate start.
GIORDANO beat The Premier Express ¾l in a 10-runner juvenile novice hurdle at Haydock (2m, heavy) on penultimate start. GRAND APPLAUSE beat Hostile Witness 2½l in a 6-runner juvenile novice hurdle at Newbury (2m 110yd, good) on penultimate start.
KADASTROF beat GIORDANO (7lb better off) 12l in a 21-runner juvenile novice hurdle at Nottingham (2m, good to soft). NAWAR beat Moorish 8l in a 14-runner juvenile novice hurdle at Leicester (2m, soft) on penultimate start. MYSILV beat Ground Nut 8l in a 10-runner juvenile novice hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 1f, good) with SPRING MARATHON (4lb better off) 25l 3rd.
Selection: MYSILV

1.55 CORAL WELSH NATIONAL — BBC2
(Grade III: handicap chase: £24,292: 3m 5f 110yd) (10 runners)

1 1/PP10-1 PARTY POLITICS 24 (C,F,G,S) (Mrs D Thompson) N Gaselee 9-11-11 (4ex) C Llewellyn 82
2 5PP-250 SIBTON ABBEY 45 (F,G,S) (G Hubbard) F Murphy 8-11-6 ... S Smith Eccles 89
3 330F2-6 COOL GROUND 31 (C,D,G,S) (Whitcombe Manor) D Elsworth 11-10-13 ... P Holley 81
4 1U4FP-2 RIVERSIDE BOY 24 (C,G,S) (Bisgrove Partnership) M Pipe 10-10-0 ... R Dunwoody 99
5 2562-26 MERRY MASTER 31 (F,G,S) (G Lansbury) R Armytage 9-10-0 ... Gee Armytage 92
6 125P-64 FIDDLERS PIKE 24 (CD,S) (Mrs Henderson) Mrs R Henderson 12-10-0 Mrs R Henderson 81
7 4300-24 WILLSFORD 24 (B,G,S) (A Kaplan) Mrs J Pitman 10-10-0 ... D Bridgwater 83
8 22-P216 INDIAN TONIC 18 (G,S) (Mrs J Richards) N Twiston-Davies 7-10-0 ... C Maude 77
9 U0-2322 CYTHERE 12 (C,S) (K Carr) J Gifford 9-10-0 ... P Hide (3) 73
10 2121-P2 RUFUS 21 (V,S) (Mrs D Coleman) B Smart 7-10-0 ... B Powell 61

Long handicap: Riverside Boy 9-13, Merry Master 9-12, Fiddlers Pike 9-10, Willsford 9-9, Indian Tonic 9-1, Cythere 8-4, Rufus 8-0.
BETTING: 9-4 Cool Ground, 3-1 Riverside Boy, 4-1 Party Politics, 6-1 Indian Tonic, 8-1 Merry Master, 12-1 Sibton Abbey, 16-1 Willsford, 25-1 Fiddlers Pike, 50-1 Cythere, 100-1 Rufus.
1992: RUN FOR FREE 8-10-9 M Perrett (11-4 fav) M Pipe 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

PARTY POLITICS beat RIVERSIDE BOY (23lb better off) 5l in the 5-runner Grade II Rehearsal Chase at Chepstow (3m, good to soft), with FIDDLERS PIKE (23lb better off) tailed off.
COOL GROUND about 28l 6th of 8 to Egypt Mill Prince in a handicap chase at Newbury (2m 4f, good). Best effort last season 5¾l 3rd of 7 to SIBTON ABBEY (7lb worse off) in the Timeform Hall Of Fame Chase at Cheltenham (3m 1f 110yd, soft). RIVERSIDE BOY best effort last season when beating Just So neck in a 10-runner handicap chase at Taunton (4m 2f 110yd, soft).
MERRY MASTER 6l 3rd of 6 to Mr Boston in a handicap chase at Wetherby (3m 110yd, good) on penultimate start.
Selection: RIVERSIDE BOY

2.25 SPORT OF KINGS HURDLE — BBC2
(£6,743: 2m 110yd) (6 runners)

1 304-543 CABOCHON 28 (D,G,S) (J Joseph) R Frost 6-10-9 ... J Frost 88
2 000150 DARINGLY 28 (D,G) (Albury Racing Limited) J McConnochie 4-10-9 ... R Bellamy 61
3 005 FIRST CENTURY 20 (Merthyr Tydfil Car Auction Ltd) B Llewellyn 4-10-9 Mr J L Llewellyn 55
4 133-54 MAAMUR 1F (G) (Park Industrial Supplies (Wales) Ltd) D Burchell 5-10-9 R Dunwoody 99
5 801411 NORTHERN SADDLER 1 (D,F,G,S) (R Evans) R Hodges 6-10-9 ... W Irvine 66
6 P2-1113 OLD BRIDGE 25 (D,G) (K Mackenzie) A Turnell 5-10-9 ... S McNeill 73

BETTING: 11-10 Cabochon, 9-4 Maamur, 9-2 Old Bridge, 7-1 Northern Saddler, 25-1 others.
1992: STAUNCH FRIEND 4-11-5 S Smith Eccles (1-5 fav) M Tompkins 3 ran

FORM FOCUS

CABOCHON 15¾l 3rd of 8 to Nahar in a handicap hurdle at Fontwell (2m 2f, good). Previously 14½l 4th of 8 to Kano Warrior in a handicap hurdle at Kempton (3m 110yd, good to firm). DARINGLY best recent effort beat Absolutely Foxed 1½l in a 17-runner selling hurdle at Uttoxeter (2m, good). MAAMUR about 3¾l 4th of 12 in the grade II William Hill Handicap Hurdle at Sandown (2m 110yd, good to soft). NORTHERN SADDLER beat Mohana ¾l in a 5-runner handicap hurdle at Newton Abbot (2m 1f, heavy) yesterday.
OLD BRIDGE 7l 3rd of 21 to My Wizard in a novice hurdle at Sandown (2m 110yd, good). Previously beat Dante's Nephew 4l in a 14-runner novice hurdle at Newbury (2m 110yd, good).
Selection: MAAMUR

3.00 CHRISTMAS CRACKER HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,765: 2m 3f 110yd) (4 runners)

1 2124-21 WIDE BOY 19 (F,G,S) (M Popham) P Hobbs 11-11-10 ... Guy Lewis (7) 90
2 403-F24 WHATEVER YOU LIKE 18 (G,S) (Just For Fun Racing) P Nicholls 9-11-0 R Dunwoody 95
3 P3-3222 CAMELOT KNIGHT 20 (B,BF,S) (M Gates) N Twiston-Davies 7-10-9 ... C Llewellyn 99
4 2311-FP RAFIKI 13 (F,G,S) (J Carrington) Mrs J Retter 8-10-0 ... S Burrough 83

BETTING: 11-8 Wide Boy, 6-4 Camelot Knight, 6-1 Whatever You Like, 8-1 Rafiki.
1992: SIDE OF HILL 7-10-0 M Perrett (10-1) M Pipe 6 ran

3.30 YULETIDE CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE
(£1,975: 2m 4f 110yd) (12 runners)

1 P/2110-3 GRENAGH 24 (C,S) (Mrs D Joyce) V Bishop 12-11-12 ... W Marston 95
2 4/0403- LEAVENWORTH 314 (G) (A Gardner-Hill) Mrs J Retter 9-11-8 ... J Fordham (7) 87
3 5-F4350 NOTARY-NOWELL 46 (G) (G Hubbard) F Murphy 7-11-4 ... P Murphy (4) 80
4 0221F-2 HEATHFIELD GALE 29 (BF,F,G) (A Ford) M Pipe 6-11-1 ... T Dascombe (4) 90
5 U4/6P0-4 DECIDED 15 (F,G,S) (Mrs C Lee) R Lee 10-10-7 ... P McLoughlin (4) 89
6 0313-30 SAILOR BLUE 47 (B,F) (L Kimber) A Turnell 6-10-6 ... D Fortt 99
7 /P0511- SURCOAT 221F (B,F) (Duckhaven Stud) R Baker 6-10-3 ... R Farrant 94
8 1-834 PRIZE MATCH 14 (BF,S) (P Taylor) N Gaselee 4-10-0 ... W Currie (7) 94
9 3130-P4 SYLVIA BEACH 13 (F,S) (G Greenwood) P Murphy 7-10-0 ... D Matthews 88
10 2PP/056 GROTIUS 19 (B,S) (Travel Employment Group Ltd) G Ham 9-10-0 ... R Davis 84
11 60/5/15- CHIAROSCURO 379 (S) (Mrs J Northover) P Hobbs 7-10-0 ... N Parker (4) 78
12 4/0134P- NOBLE EYRE 377 (F,G,S) (D Gandolfo) D Gandolfo 12-10-0 ... A Dowling (7) —

Long handicap: Prize Match 9-13, Sylvia Beach 9-8, Grotius 9-5, Chiaroscuro 9-2, Noble Eyre 8-7.
BETTING: 5-2 Heathfield Gale, 4-1 Prize Match, 5-1 Sailor Blue, 13-2 Grenagh, 8-1 Surcoat, Chiaroscuro, 14-1 Notary-Nowell, Sylvia Beach, 16-1 Leavenworth, Decided, 20-1 others.
1992: THE BLACK MONK 4-11-0 M Foster (9-4 fav) M Pipe 13 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
D Nicholson	12	32	37.5	R Dunwoody	21	89	23.6
M Pipe	61	214	28.5	P Hide	3	14	21.4
R Alner	3	14	21.4	S Smith Eccles	4	19	21.1
Mrs J Retter	3	15	20.0	D Gallagher	4	29	13.8
Mrs J Pitman	16	88	18.2	B Powell	8	66	12.1
N Twiston-Davies	9	55	16.4	Only qualifiers			

KEMPTON PARK

THUNDERER
12.45 Wings Cove
1.15 One More Dream
1.45 Richville
2.20 King Credo
2.50 Le Piccolage
3.20 BELLEZZA (nap)

GOING: GOOD — SIS

12.45 BONUSPRINT JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE — C4
(3-Y-O: £3,753: 2m 5f) (9 runners)

101 511 RICH LIFE 28 (G) (Mrs S Gay) C Weedon 11-0 ... Peter Hobbs 94
102 122 WINGS COVE 25 (C,BF,G) (E Cohen) Lady Herries 11-0 ... E Murphy 95
103 5 AMLAFFED 43 (Mrs S McLean) J Akehurst 10-9 ... Richard Guest —
104 F2 CHIEF'S SONG 14 (Mrs A Devine) S Dow 10-9 ... H Davies 99
105 0 JACKSONS BAY 45 (Barrow Boys Racing) R Rowe 10-9 ... T Grantham —
106 0 KARAR 17 (Mrs M Sampson) R Rowe 10-9 ... N Williamson —
107 36 RUNAWAY PETE 14 (T Liang) P Cole 10-9 ... J Osborne 96
108 4200 WONDERFUL YEARS 52 (Mrs D Hunnisett) J Ffitch-Heyes 10-9 ... A Thornton (5) 79
109 0 ROWLANDSONS GOLD 125 (Rowlandsons Ltd) M Channon 10-4 ... Lorna Vincent —

BETTING: 2-1 Wings Cove, 5-2 Chief's Song, 4-1 Rich Life, 7-1 Runaway Pete, 12-1 Jacksons Bay, 14-1 Karar.
1992: SAYH 10-6 B Clifford (16-1) J White 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

RICH LIFE beat Heretical Miss 20l in a 15-runner novice hurdle at Fontwell (2m 2f, good) with CHIEF'S SONG clear when fell last. WINGS COVE ¾l 2nd of 8 to Bagalino in a novice hurdle at Sandown (2m 110yd, good). Earlier beat Satin Dancer 7l in a 14-runner novice hurdle here (2m, good) with RICH LIFE 11½l 5th and WONDERFUL YEARS (5lb better off) 26½l 7th.
CHIEF'S SONG 6l 2nd to Pondering in novice hurdle at Folkestone (2m 1f 110yd, soft) with RUNAWAY PETE 30¾l 6th. RUNAWAY PETE 8l 3rd to Admiral's Well in novice hurdle at Windsor (2m, good) on penultimate start. WONDERFUL YEARS best effort when 12l 2nd to Satin Dancer in novice hurdle at Fontwell (2m 2f, good to firm).
Selection: WINGS COVE

1.15 BONUSFILM NOVICES CHASE — C4
(£8,052: 2m) (4 runners)

201 1/24P-12 ONE MORE DREAM 24 (D,F) (M Jackson Bloodstock Ltd) G Balding 6-11-0 Richard Guest 98
202 F32211 SAN LORENZO 6 (D,F,G,S) (J Greig) K Bailey 5-11-0 ... N Williamson 94
203 2311-21 THUMBS UP 10 (D,F,S) (M Buckley) N Henderson 7-11-0 ... M A Fitzgerald 99
204 31P1P-F FANTASY WORLD 15 (G,S) (Mrs F Welch) J Gifford 7-10-9 ... E Murphy —

BETTING: Evens Thumbs Up, 5-4 One More Dream, 11-2 San Lorenzo, 20-1 Fantasy World.
1992: WONDER MAN 7-11-7 R Dunwoody (8-15 fav) D Nicholson 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

ONE MORE DREAM 6l 2nd of 4 to Baydon Star in the grade II Westminster Henry VII Novice Chase at Sandown (2m, good). Previously beat French Charmer 3½l in a 6-runner novice chase at Sandown (2m, good to firm). SAN LORENZO beat April's Model Lady 30l in a 4-runner novice chase at Ludlow (2m, soft).
THUMBS UP beat Shu Fly 2l in a 4-runner conditions chase at Nottingham (2m, good to soft). FANTASY WORLD fell first in a novice chase won by Prudent Peggy at Newton Abbot (2m 5f, soft). Last season beat Father Ralph neck in 9-runner novice handicap hurdle at Sandown (2m 6f, good).
Selection: ONE MORE DREAM

1.45 TRIPLEPRINT HANDICAP CHASE — C4
(£13,680: 2m 4f 110yd) (8 runners)

301 112-522 ANTONIN 24 (F,G,S) (M Stanners) Mrs S Bramall 5-11-10 ... J Burke (5) 94
302 412-412 ARDBRIN 25 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs M Stewart-Brown) T Tate 10-11-3 ... J Osborne 92
303 2F-2U11 RICHVILLE 17 (D,F,G,S) (Major-Gen R Burges) K Bailey 7-11-0 ... N Williamson 91
304 1-422P1 SMARTIE EXPRESS 19 (D,F,G,S) (S Norman) R Hodges 11-10-13 ... M A Fitzgerald 99
305 443010/ MIGHTY FALCON 633 (F,G,S) (R Tory) D Elsworth 8-10-8 ... M Richards —
306 611323 BUCK WILLOW 25 (D,F,G) (Mrs S Embiricos) J Gifford 9-10-8 ... E Murphy 97
307 4P4P53- LAUNDRYMAN 297 (D,G,S) (K Mills) M Bradstock 10-10-4 ... Richard Guest 92
308 2212-53 MONTALINO 19 (F,G) (Mrs M Humphrey) G Humphrey 10-10-0 ... Peter Hobbs 87

Long handicap: Montalino 9-4
BETTING: 3-1 Richville, 7-2 Buck Willow, 9-2 Smartie Express, Antonin, 5-1 Ardbrin, 16-1 Mighty Falcon, 25-1 Montalino, Laundryman.
1992: FOR THE GRAIN 8-10-6 R Dunwoody (4-1) D Nicholson 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

ANTONIN 6l 2nd to Young Benz in a handicap chase at Wetherby (2m 4f 110yd, good). ARDBRIN 12l 2nd to Deadly Charm in a handicap chase at Sandown (2m 4f 110yd, good) with BUCK WILLOW 3½l 3rd. RICHVILLE beat Scotoni 3½l in handicap chase at Lingfield (2m 4f 110yd, good to soft). SMARTIE EXPRESS beat French Charmer 15l in handicap chase at Taunton (2m 3f, good to soft), with MONTALINO (1lb worse off) 25l 3rd.
Selection: ANTONIN

2.20 BONUSPRINT CHRISTMAS HURDLE — C4
(Grade I: £33,960: 2m) (5 runners)

401 2/1103-2 HALKOPOUS 17 (D,F,G,S) (A Christodoulou) M Tompkins 7-11-7 ... G McCourt 98
402 06-1053 HIGH BARON 24 (D,F,S) (Mrs C James) R Alner 6-11-7 ... M Hourigan 85
403 4414-1F KING CREDO 17 (D,BF,G,S) (G Gornall) S Woodman 8-11-7 ... J Osborne 99
404 16113-3 MUSE 17 (D,G,S) (White Horse Racing Ltd) D Elsworth 6-11-7 ... M Richards 97
405 122/2-11 ABSALOM'S LADY 10 (D,G) (Whitcombe Manor Ltd) D Elsworth 5-11-2 ... N Williamson 89

BETTING: 6-4 King Credo, 2-1 Halkopous, 9-2 Muse, 7-1 Absalom's Lady, 12-1 High Baron.
1992: MIGHTY MOGUL 5-11-7 R Dunwoody (3-1) D Nicholson 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

HALKOPOUS 5l 2nd of 7 to Staunch Friend in the grade II Bula Hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 1f, good) with MUSE 1l 3rd and KING CREDO fell. HIGH BARON just over 2l 3rd of 12 to Land Afar in the grade III William Hill Handicap Hurdle at Sandown (2m 110yd, good to soft).
KING CREDO best effort when beating Sweet Duke 3½l in 6-runner grade II Coopers & Lybrand Ascot Hurdle (2m 4f, good). MUSE 20l 3rd of 6 to Valfinet in the 6-runner grade II Kingwell Hurdle at Wincanton (2m, good) on penultimate start. ABSALOM'S LADY beat Satin Lover 5l in an 8-runner hurdle at Ascot (2m 110yd, good).
Selection: HALKOPOUS (nap)

2.50 BONUSPRINT HANDICAP CHASE — C4
(£5,905: 3m) (7 runners)

501 134-233 FIGHTING WORDS 10 (F,G) (Pell-mell Partners) J Gifford 7-11-13 ... E Murphy 89
502 22121-4 LE PICCOLAGE 40 (BF,F,G,S) (Lord Mostyn) N Henderson 9-11-9 ... M A Fitzgerald 88
503 221-132 DUBLIN FLYER 17 (D,BF,G,S) (J Sumner) T Forster 7-11-5 ... G McCourt 99
504 25-12F4 STUNNING STUFF 17 (F,G) (G Gleadell) K Bailey 8-11-4 ... N Williamson 92
505 2-81F31 SIR PETER LELY 8 (B,F,G,S) (J Doyle Ltd) M Hammond 6-10-7 (4ex) ... C Grant 93
506 341115 TOUCHING STAR 13 (D,F,G) (P Hobbs) P Hobbs 8-10-1 ... M Hourigan 91
507 12/212-2 BOLD CHOICE 61 (F,G) (J Joseph) R Frost 7-10-0 ... D Skyrme 85

Long handicap: Bold Choice 9-3
BETTING: 11-4 Dublin Flyer, 4-1 Stunning Stuff, 5-1 Sir Peter Lely, Le Piccolage, Fighting Words, 10-1 others.
1992: ZETA'S LAD 9-11-9 R Supple (7-1) J Upson 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

FIGHTING WORDS 18l 3rd of 8 to Young Hustler in handicap chase at Ascot (3m 110y, good to soft). LE PICCOLAGE beat Cool Ground 8l in a 5-runner handicap chase at Cheltenham (3m 2f 110yd, good) on penultimate start. DUBLIN FLYER 1½l 2nd of 4 to Carbisdale in a handicap chase at Doncaster (3m 2f, good). STUNNING STUFF 23¾l 4th of 11 to Fragrant Dawn in the grade III Tripleprint Gold Cup at Cheltenham (2m 5f, good). SIR PETER LELY beat Comet 4l in a 10-runner handicap chase at Edinburgh (2m 4f, good). TOUCHING STAR beat Tipp Mariner 3l in a 9-runner handicap chase at Windsor (3m, good) on penultimate start with STUNNING STUFF left 14th.
Selection: SIR PETER LELY

3.20 BONUSPHOTO HANDICAP HURDLE (£4,425: 2m 5f) (7 runners)

601 13-1212 CHANGE THE ACT 28 (F,G,S) (C Heath) O Sherwood 8-11-10 ... J Osborne 99
602 5-43313 JEASSU 17 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs R Mills) A J Wilson 10-11-5 ... B Clifford 96
603 1320-63 SALLY CLOVER 15 (G,S) (Mrs E Roberts) N Henderson 6-10-11 ... M A Fitzgerald 98
604 20010-1 BELLEZZA 10 (F,G,S) (K Higson) A Moore 6-10-10 ... Mr T McCarthy (7) 85
605 64232/ COWORTH PARK 944 (D,F,G,S) (M Gibbon) P Mitchell 8-10-2 ... M Perrett —
606 /4030-0 TILT TECH FLYER 29 (S) (P De Weck) C Broad 8-10-0 ... N Williamson 88
607 FP-3633 LUSTY LAD 62 (F,G) (G Hye) M Haynes 8-10-0 ... H Davies 76

Long handicap: Tilt Tech Flyer 9-6, Lusty Lad 9-5.
BETTING: 5-2 Change The Act, 3-1 Jeassu, 4-1 Bellezza, 5-1 Sally Clover, 8-1 Lusty Lad, 16-1 others.
1992: MARLIN DANCER 7-11-3 G McCourt (14-1) Miss B Sanders 8 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
N Henderson	17	68	25.0	M A Fitzgerald	5	12	41.7
O Sherwood	13	52	25.0	E Murphy	5	18	27.8
K Bailey	6	28	21.4	J Osborne	23	106	21.7
T Forster	3	15	20.0	G McCourt	12	61	19.7
D Elsworth	8	56	14.3	Peter Hobbs	6	38	15.8
J Gifford	12	115	10.4	D Skyrme	3	19	15.8

King Credo can make amends

KEMPTON PARK
C4

12.45: Wings Cove has been taking on the best juveniles around and beat the improving Rich Life on his debut. Lady Herries's hurdler can beat Chief's Song.

1.15: Thumbs Up boasts the best hurdling form and jumped well when beating Shu Fly at Nottingham but **One More Dream** is preferred. Toby Balding's hope gave Baydon Star a run for his money earlier this month.

1.45: Antonin was next to useless over hurdles but has been a revelation since being sent chasing. However, I just prefer **Richville**, who looks open to improvement after winning at Lingfield.

2.20: The front-running Muse will ensure a strong gallop. Halkopous has done all his winning over hurdles around left-handed courses and **King Credo** may have too much finishing speed, provided he is none the worse for his fall at Cheltenham last time.

2.50: Master Oats has not raced since winning — and breaking a blood vessel — at Uttoxeter eight weeks ago and Kim Bailey's other runner, Stunning Stuff, may be better suited by three miles here. However, the pair may find it hard to cope with **Dublin Flyer**, who looks leniently handicapped.

CHEPSTOW
BBC2

12.50: Fiveleigh First has the best form after just failing to beat Martomick at Lingfield, but John Upson has endured a desperate time. Fantus is well regarded but **Ebony Gale** is preferred. The gelding was an easy winner at Fontwell four weeks ago.

1.20: The best juvenile hurdle race of the season should provide some useful Triumph Hurdle pointers, but it will be a surprise if **Mysilv** fails to justify her position at the head of the betting.

1.55: Riverside Boy is 23lb better off with Party Politics for a five-length defeat here in the Rehearsal Chase and if he reproduces that form, he will take some catching. With Sibton Abbey and Cool Ground out of form and the rest of the runners out of the handicap, Martin Pipe's runner will never have a better chance of winning the Welsh National.

2.25: Maamur has run two cracking races in defeat behind Triple Witching and Land Afar but seems to win rarely. Dai Burchell's hurdler has an excellent chance here but may have to settle for second spot behind **Old Bridge**, who should relish the step up in trip.

Richard Evans

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S SIX BANK HOLIDAY MEETINGS

Kempton Park
Going: good

12.45 (2m hdle) 1, SHUJAN (G McCourt, 100-30 fav); 2, Corrouge (C Llewellyn, 10-1); 3, My Wizard (D Murphy, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Man To Man (4th), 11-2 Duke Of Eurolink (5th), 6 Flight Lieutenant, 10 Tissisat, 16 Native Chieftan (6th), 25 Dominant Force, 33 Billy Borru, 50 Sylvan Sabre (pu), 66 Roca Murada, Vital Wonder. 13 ran. 8l, 8l, 1½l, 12l, 2½l. R Akehurst at Epsom. Tote: £4.50; £2.00, £3.30, £2.90. DF: £24.10. Trio: £87.80. CSF: £32.03.

1.15 (3m ch) 1, SEE MORE INDIANS (G Bradley, 7-2); 2, Crystal Spirit (J Frost, 6-4 fav); 3, Spikey (A Maguire, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 2 Couton (f), 16 Andrew's First (pu), 50 Golden Fare (4th), 100 One More Run (ur). 7 ran. 2½l, dist. al. P Nicholls at Shepton Mallet. Tote: £3.90; £1.70, £1.70. DF: £3.20. CSF: £8.81.

1.45 (2m hdle) 1, CHILD OF THE MIST (A Maguire, 5-1); 2, Kilcash (M Richards, 9-2 jt-fav); 3, Clurican (D Murphy, 9-2 jt-fav). ALSO RAN: 6 Honest Word (6th), 13-2 Amazon Express (f), Arabian Bold (4th), 8 Monday Club, 25 Comn Hill (5th), Shamba. 9 ran. NR: Jimmy The Gillie, Top Wave. 2l, 10l, 7l, 1½l, ¾l. J Whyte at Beccles. Tote: £4.60; £1.40, £2.20, £1.60. DF: £12.20. Trio: £18.40. CSF: £25.08. Tricast: £95.75.

2.20 see above

2.50 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, BAS DE LAINE (M Richards, 5-2); 2, Monsieur Le Cure (N Williamson, 7-1); 3, Poppets Pet (S Hodgson, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav The Glow (ur), 7 Ghia Gneuiagh (f), Hangover (4th), 10 Dante's Nephew (f), 50 Music Score (f). 8 ran. NR: Fantus, Run Up The Flag. Sh hd, dist, 15l. O Sherwood at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £4.70; £1.50, £2.00, £2.80. DF: £17.40. Trio: £50.20. CSF: £19.23.

3.20 (3m 110yd hdle) 1, PEATSWOOD (Lorna Vincent, 6-1); 2, Beyond Our Reach (R Dunwoody, 2-1 fav); 3, Prime Display (M Richards, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Camcastle (5th), 15-2 Metal Oiseau (pu), 10 Pamber Priory, Pipers Copse (4th), 12 Hurricane Blake, 14 Emerald Sunset (pu), 20 Cash Is King (6th). 10 ran. NR: Muscleton. 1½l, 15l, 2l, ¾l, nk. M Channon at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £7.30; £2.30, £1.20, £3.60. DF: £7.80. Trio: £52.80. CSF: £18.46. Tricast: £102.50.

Jackpot: £40,076.30 (0.98 winning tickets. Pool of £584.48 carried forward to Kempton Park today). Placepot: £83.90.

Wetherby
Going: soft

1.00 (2m hdle) 1, Cumbrian Challenge (L Wyer, 11-1); 2, Alladeer (5-1); 3, Stopoverstate (20-1). White Willow 2-1 fav. 15 ran. NR: Scaraben. 4l, 6l. M H Easterby. Tote: £10.20; £2.10, £2.30, £4.90. DF: £22.60. CSF: £64.01.

1.30 (3m 110yd ch) 1, One Man (N Doughty, 1-2 fav); 2, Clyde Ranger (7-2); 3, Deep Decision (11-2). 4 ran. NR: Supposin. 3½l, dist. G Richards. Tote: £1.50. DF: £1.80. CSF: £2.54.

2.00 (2m hdle) 1, Westholme (L Wyer, 5-4 fav; Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Home Counties (7-1); 3, Abbot Of Furness (13-2). 8 ran. NR: Loch Garanne, Our Slimbridge. Nk, 6l. M H Easterby. Tote: £2.60; £1.40, £1.60, £1.80. DF: £12.90. Trio: £20.60. CSF: £10.58. Tricast: £41.07.

2.30 (3m 110yd ch) 1, General Pershing (N Doughty, 3-1); 2, Mr Boston (9-4 fav); 3, Another Coral (11-1). 5 ran. NR: Cogent, Merry Master. 5l, dist. G Richards. Tote: £5.50; £2.50, £1.60. DF: £6.10. CSF: £9.64.

3.00 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, Uncle Ernie (M Dwyer, 7-4); 2, Deep Dawn (6-1). Last 'O' The Bunch 8-11 fav (f). 3 ran. 1½l. Jimmy Fitzgerald. Tote: £2.20. DF: £3.00. CSF: £7.58.

3.30 (2m hdle) 1, Mega Blue (P Niven, 7-4 fav); 2, Basilicus (11-2); 3, Gymcrak Dawn (25-1). 8 ran. NR: Aide Memoire. 8l, 1½l. Mrs V Aconley. Tote: £2.30; £1.30, £1.60, £4.70. DF: £5.80. Trio: £52.00. CSF: £12.01. Tricast: £167.88. Placepot: £63.80.

Huntingdon
Going: soft with heavy patches

12.30 (3m 110yd ch) 1, Waterford Castle (B Powell, 7-1); 2, Social Climber (4-1); 3, Galaxy High (5-4 fav). 6 ran. NR: Petmer. 6l, 3l. A Turnell. Tote: £10.70; £3.60, £1.90. DF: £26.10. CSF: £30.62.

1.00 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1, Nick The Beak (Mr T Byrne, 9-4 fav); 2, Finesse The King (9-2); 3, Solo Gent (33-1). 10 ran. 8l, 5l. J Upson. Tote: £3.20; £1.60, £1.70, £5.30. DF: £5.20. CSF: £12.49.

1.30 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, Radical Request (M A Fitzgerald, 9-2); 2, Mo Ichi Do (2-1 jt-fav); 3, Kov's Lass (2-1 jt-fav). 4 ran. NR: Major Inquiry. 6l, hd. K Burke. Tote: £4.80. DF: £4.40. CSF: £13.12.

2.00 (3m 2f hdle) 1, Ned The Hall (A Thornton, 5-1); 2, Callerose (100-30); 3, Ocean Leader (5-1). Henry VIII 5-2 fav. 9 ran. NR: Buckshot, The Golfing Curate. 8l, 1½l. K Bailey. Tote: £5.80; £2.30, £1.50, £1.30. DF: £8.90. CSF: £21.60.

2.30 (3m ch) 1, Master Oats (A Thornton, 3-1 jt-fav); 2, Dandy Minstrel (6-1); 3, Leagaune (10-1). Jimster 3-1 jt-fav. 8 ran. NR: Clonroche Gazette, Sirrah Jay, Woody Will. 12l, 25l. K Bailey. Tote: £3.30; £1.40, £1.60, £5.10. DF: £12.00. Trio: £93.20. CSF: £21.25. Tricast: £150.81.

3.00 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Zamirah (D Bridgwater, 9-4); 2, Top Wave (2-1 fav); 3, Mrs Mayhew (7-2). 4 ran. NR: Job's Great, Stoveseon. 6l, 4l. N Twiston-Davies. Tote: £3.60. DF: £3.00. CSF: £6.94.

Placepot: £3,026.60 (0.39 winning tickets. Pool of £2,494.91 carried forward to Kempton Park today).

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: Toogood To Be True (2.00 Wetherby)
Next best: Richville (1.45 Kempton Park)

Market Rasen
Going: soft

12.55 (2m 1f 110yd hdle) 1, Corly Special (R Marley, 11-2); 2, Point Taken (33-1); 3, Ballyford (7-2 jt-fav). Greenacres Lad 7-2 jt-fav. 12 ran. NR: Loxley Range, Run Of Weld, Tristan's Comet. 7l, 1l. K Burke. Tote: £6.50; £1.60, £8.90, £1.50. DF: £350.30. CSF: £139.68. Tricast: £664.65.

1.30 (2m 4f ch) 1, Sheilas Hillcrest (J Supple, 5-2); 2, Highly Decorated (13-2); Precipice Run 13-8 fav. 6 ran. NR: Caldecott, Petmer, Spoonhill Wood. 1½l. N Mason. Tote: £3.40; £1.50, £2.10. DF: £8.00. CSF: £17.25.

2.00 (3m 1f ch) 1, Cantgetout (Mr A Pickering, 25-1); 2, Playful Juliet (11-4); 3, Supposin (5-2). Big Mac 7-4 fav. 6 ran. NR: Deep Decision, On Cue. Hd, 4l. C Pinney. Tote: £26.40; £5.20, £2.10. DF: £71.50. CSF: £91.74. Tricast: £223.63.

2.30 (2m 3f 110yd hdle) 1, Isabeau (A S Smith, 10-1); 2, Fox Chapel (7-1); 3, Muyan (4-1). Loch Garanne 100-30 fav. 10 ran. NR: Our Slimbridge, Sproxton Boy. Nk, 15l. K Morgan. Tote: £12.90; £2.70, £2.40, £1.90. DF: £40.90. Trio: Dw £56.90. CSF: £80.08. Tricast: £309.05.

3.05 (4m 1f ch) 1, Diamond Fort (M Brennan, 9-1); 2, Brompton Road (11-2); 3, All Jeff (7-4 fav). 8 ran. NR: High Padre, Sirrah Jay, Smooth Escort, Stay On Tracks. 1½l, 1l. J McConnochie. Tote: £10.30; £2.10, £1.70, £1.50. DF: £26.20. Trio: £30.20. CSF: £53.58. Tricast: £115.59.

3.35 (2m 1f 110yd hdle) 1, Warmdha (A S Smith, 4-1); 2, Eve's Treasure (25-1); 3, Record Lover (100-30). Indian River 3-1 fav. 10 ran. NR: Hold Your Hat On, Rumpus, Swift Romance, Vasilev. 1½l, 3½l. K Morgan. Tote: £6.10; £2.10, £3.60, £1.40. DF: not won (pool of £1,221.50 carried forward to 1.45 at Kempton Park today). CSF: £85.86.

Placepot: £366.40.

Newton Abbot
Going: heavy

12.45 (2m 5f ch) 1, Kalanski (J Railton, 5-1); 2, Kiwi Velocity (3-1 fav); 3, Baroty Black (9-2). 8 ran. NR: Tekla. 2½l, 25l. C Egerton. Tote: £8.70; £2.40, £1.60, £1.20. DF: £21.70. CSF: £19.68.

1.15 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Mildred Sophia (Miss S Mitchell, 5-1); 2, Legal Win (7-1); 3, Mecado (6-1). Mahong 5-2 jt-fav. 10 ran. NR: Cobb Gate. ¾l, 2½l. N Mitchell. Tote: £7.90; £2.10, £1.70, £1.80. DF: £37.20. Trio: £58.20. CSF: £40.67. Tricast: £202.86.

1.45 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Northern Saddler (W Irvine, 9-4 fav); 2, Mohana (3-1); 3, Nova Spirit (11-2). 5 ran. NR: Djobol Prince, Marolino. ¾l, 10l. R Hodges. Tote: £2.70; £1.60, £2.10. DF: £4.30. CSF: £9.66.

2.15 (2m 6f hdle) 1, Daves Delight (Mr G Shenkin, 12-1); 2, The Carrot Man (5-1); 3, Lansdowne (5-1). Handy Lass 3-1 fav. 8 ran. NR: Brown Mystique. 1½l, 8l. Miss S Waterman. Tote: £12.30; £3.00, £1.90, £2.30. DF: £19.00. Trio: £43.10. CSF: £72.91. Tricast: £319.02.

2.45 (3m 2f 110yd ch) 1, Catch The Cross (M Foster, 6-4 jt-fav); 2, Jailbreaker (6-4 jt-fav); 3, Trusty Friend (10-1). 4 ran. NR: Chancery Buck, Don't Light Up, Jimster. 15l, 6l. M Pipe. Tote: £2.40; £2.50. DF: £1.70. CSF: £4.03.

3.15 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Hold Your Ranks (R Darke, 2-1 fav); 2, Stormy Sunset (25-1); 3, Biddlestone Boy (8-1). 9 ran. NR: Beckford, Connaught Crusader, Mandy Louise. 7l, 15l. R Frost. Tote: £3.00; £1.30, £5.30, £1.90. DF: £44.90. CSF: £46.50.

Placepot: £136.30.

Wolverhampton
Going: standard

1.35 (7f) 1, Express Service (Emma O'Gorman, 9-2); 2, Mustn't Grumble (10-1); 3, Master Beveled (4-1 fav). 11 ran. NR: Scottish Park. Hd, 1l. W O'Gorman. Tote: £4.00; £2.10, £2.00, £2.00. DF: £35.30. CSF: £43.04.

2.05 (7f) 1, Causley (S Sanders, 11-2); 2, Coniston Lake (20-1); 3, Sea Devil (5-2 fav). 11 ran. NR: Whyalla Rain. ¾l, 4l. B McMahon. Tote: £7.00; £1.60, £6.10, £1.70. DF: £268.80. CSF: £92.31.

2.35 (1m 1f 79yd) 1, Mentalasanythin (A Mackay, 6-1); 2, Lookingforarainbow (5-2 fav); 3, Bovery Knight (8-1). 11 ran. NR: Rapporteur, Wordsmith. 2½l, 4l. A Bailey. Tote: £9.60; £3.00, £1.40, £1.60. DF: £9.10. Trio: £18.40. CSF: £21.13. Tricast: £114.49.

3.05 (6f) 1, Just Greenwich (J Quinn, 5-1); 2, Phonesaholic (4-1); 3, Blue Domain (33-1). Palacegate Jo 3-1 fav. 9 ran. NR: World Traveller. Sh hd, 2l. P Evans. Tote: £7.30; £1.70, £1.30, £7.50. DF: £10.50. Trio: £126.10. CSF: £24.52. Tricast: £547.52.

3.35 (1m 100yd) 1, Upper Grosvenor (C Rutter, 3-1 fav); 2, Wild Ace (5-1); 3, Winn's Pride (5-1). 10 ran. NR: Dance Steppe, Ruby Al Knab. 2½l, 7l. P Cole. Tote: £3.00; £1.60, £1.70, £1.40. DF: £18.40. CSF: £16.77.

4.05 (6f) 1, Petraco (S D Williams, 4-1); 2, Strip Cartoon (9-1); 3, Sammie's Special (7-1). Batting Bella 3-1 fav. 10 ran. NR: Farmer Jock, Nobby Barnes, Take It In Cash. Sh hd, 1l. N Smith. Tote: £4.40; £2.10, £3.30, £1.60. DF: £47.10. Trio: £90.30. CSF: £37.24. Tricast: £225.73.

4.35 (2m 46yd) 1, Iota (Paul Eddery, 12-1); 2, Mrs Jawleyford (9-4 fav); 3, Entente Du Paradis (16-1). 9 ran. NR: Eurotwist. Hd, 2½l. J Harris. Tote: £14.40; £3.00, £1.50, £2.90. DF: £33.20. CSF: £38.92. Tricast: £401.26.

Placepot: £65.10.

☐ Yesterday's meetings at Ayr, Hereford, Sedgefield and Wincanton were abandoned.

Easterby strikes

PETER Easterby completed a double at Wetherby yesterday with Cumbrian Challenge and Westholme, both ridden by Lorcan Wyer.

On the same programme, Peter Niven left himself just one short of his seasonal half-century when partnering Mega Blue, trained by Vivien Aconley, to an eight-length success in the Boxing Day Novices' Handicap Hurdle.

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FROM OUR IRISH RACING CORRESPONDENT IN DUBLIN

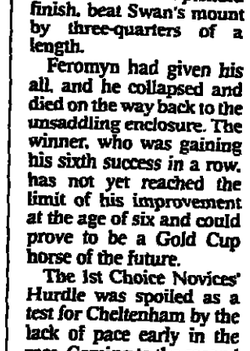
CHARLIE Swan had to forego the mount on King Of The Gales in the Findus Handicap Chase at Leopardstown yesterday when J P McManus exercised his claim on Swan's services to partner Ferromyn in the Findus Handicap Chase at Leopardstown yesterday.

John Kiely, the Waterford trainer, instead chose the talented claiming rider, Ciaran O'Brien, to deputise on King Of The Gales who, in a splendid finish, beat Swan's mount by three-quarters of a length.

Feromyn had given his all, and he collapsed and died on the way back to the unsaddling enclosure. The winner, who was gaining his sixth success in a row, has not yet reached the limit of his improvement at the age of six and could prove to be a Gold Cup horse of the future.

The 1st Choice Novices' Hurdle was spoiled as a test for Cheltenham by the lack of pace early in the race. Coming to the second last all six runners, including the 66-1 outsider Fairyhill Run, could have been covered by a decent-sized tablecloth. It then became a four-furlong sprint, with the American-bred Winter Belle finding the best turn of foot to beat Minella Lad by two lengths, with Danoli half a length away third.

Cahervillahow and his great rival, General Idea, meet again in the IR£50,000 Ericsson Chase at Leopardstown this afternoon. As Cahervillahow got the better of General Idea by a wide margin over 2½ miles at Punchestown, I would expect him to have the advantage at three miles, even though he meets General Idea on 10lb worse terms.



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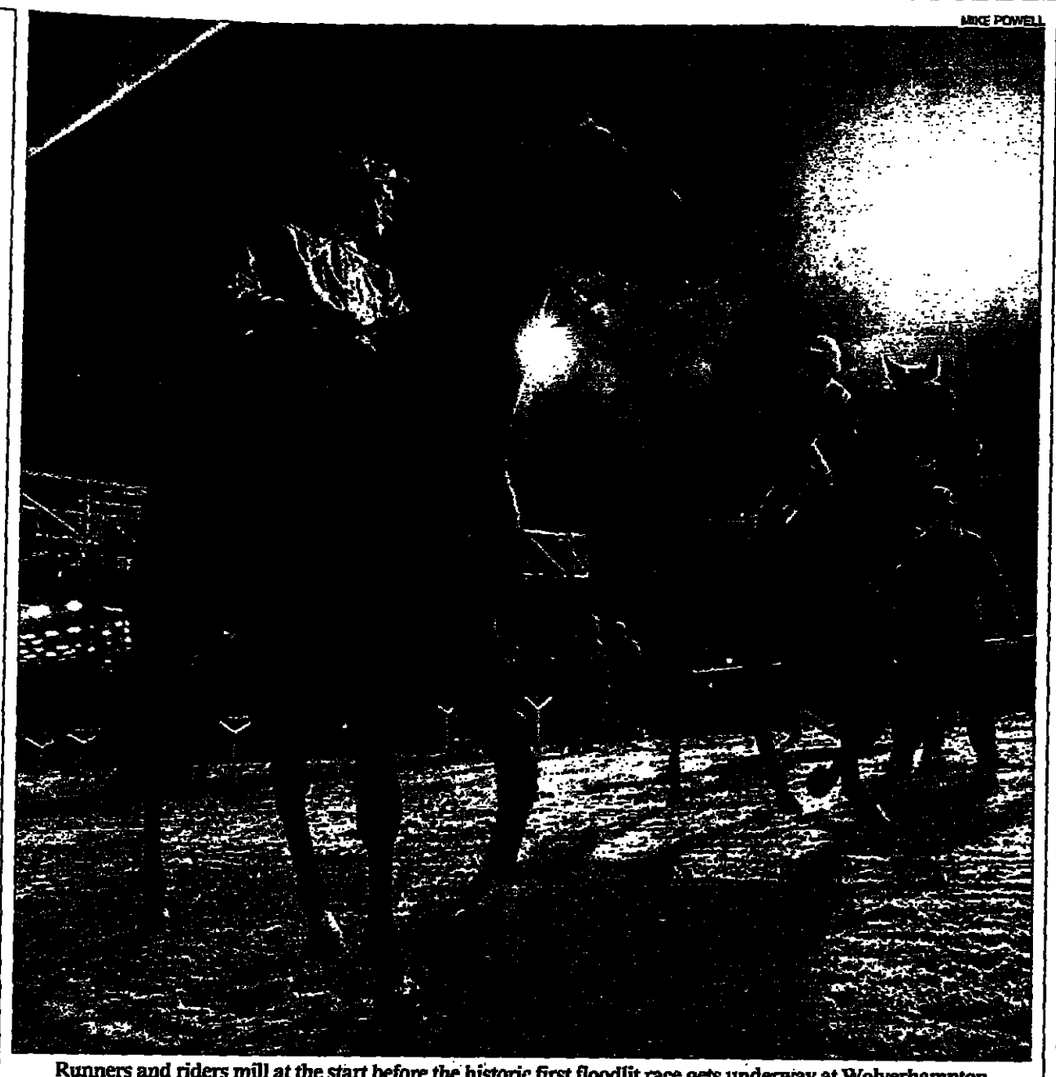

MIKE POWELL

Runners and riders mill at the start before the historic first floodlit race gets underway at Wolverhampton

Floodlit meeting lands safely after bumpy ride

BY JULIAN MUSCAT

WITH the crowd swelling expectantly around Wolverhampton's overworked turnstiles, an emergency inspection was called by the stewards just half an hour before this historic floodlit fixture was due to commence yesterday. It was almost like one of those space shuttle launches to be aborted only minutes before lift-off.

The new Fibresand strip, itself resembling something of a lunar surface, threatened to belie its all-weather qualities when Bill O'Gorman, the Newmarket trainer, uncovered parts of the sandy surface that had frozen together in lumps.

Furthermore, some of the jockeys — local hero Kevin Darley among them — felt the inside running rail had been sited too far away from the edge of the track, which falls away sharply into the adjacent wasteland.

A set of harrows, dragged on the back of a tractor, soon broke up the offending dunes and, this being Christmas, the jockeys lodged their complaints before taking to their mounts. As if to issue an advance portent to the fixture's eventual success, it was O'Gorman himself who landed the opening race with Express Service.

If it wasn't quite right in the day, however, it was certainly all right on the night. At 3.50pm, floodlights surrounding the Wolverhampton oval cast their powerful light across this part of the Black Country. The sixth race, the Musco Lighting First Ever Floodlit In Great Britain Handicap, went off without a hitch, and the record books will show that Petraco, trained by Nigel Smith, won it by a short head.

As with so many recent innovations in the otherwise stagnant development of racecourses in Britain, Wolverhampton's £15.7 million transformation from a delapidated, depressing venue to a facility fit for the 21st century has been effected by the brother-and-son team of Ron and Richard Muddle.

The Muddles, who bought, developed and sold Lingfield racecourse for a thumping profit five years ago, pioneered all-weather racing and continued the concept at Southwell. Now they have even greater ambitions for Wolverhampton, where they propose to stage horse and harness racing every Saturday evening, starting next month.

The tight circuit makes for excellent viewing and the narrowness of the track means the action is never far from the crowd, as in excess of 10,000 witnessed yesterday. It will be a major surprise if the Muddles have not developed another winning theme in this area of high population.

Far from the opulence of the stands recently completed at Epsom and Newbury, the Wolverhampton model is a monument to practicality. It is only when you enter its bowels that the purpose becomes clear.

Inhospitable winter nights are far from conducive to outdoor entertainment, so the Muddles have erected a 370-seater, glass-fronted restaurant from where night racing can be watched in warmth. Each of the 100 tables has its own television set, with a full range of channels available for monitoring the action elsewhere.

With the builders having only vacated the site on Christmas Eve, a series of niggling problems were inevitable and they duly surfaced. The most serious, and easily remedied, was a shortage of warm water to wash down tired and dirt-splattered horses after racing.

The full development of Wolverhampton as a floodlit racing theatre is barely through the embryonic stage, and it showed at times yesterday. This, however, is a project ultimately aimed at the paying public, who voted with their feet.

WETHERBY

THUNDERER

1.00 Ground Nut. 1.30 Rodeo Star. 2.00 Andermatt. 2.35 Sybillin. 3.05 Bishop's Island. 3.35 Master Boston.

GOING: SOFT SIS

1.00 BRADFORD JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE
(3-Y-O: £2,215: 2m) (17 runners)

1 05 ALMAMZAR 24 N Tinkler 10-12 ..... E Husband (5)
2 6 BALLYSPARKLE 23 J Eyre 10-12 ..... A Mulholland
3 DARING PAST 84F M Hammond 10-12 ..... P Niven
4 42 GROUND NUT 18 Miss H Knight 10-12 ..... D Murphy
5 0 HO-JOE 24 J Carr 10-12 ..... N Smith
6 4F LIAB 27 J Parkes 10-12 ..... M Dwyer
7 000 JASPER ONE 10 R Woodhouse 10-12 ..... R Garritty
8 6505 NATIVE WORTH 28 J Jefferson 10-12 ..... P Williams (5)
9 PANTHER 57F J Hetherton 10-12 ..... N Doughty
10 5F REBEL KING 45 M Barnes 10-12 ..... A Dobbin
11 0 SKY WISH 62 Mrs V Aconley 10-12 ..... D Byrne
12 VOLUNTEER POINT 220F Mrs S Bramall 10-12 Mr D Parker (7)
13 F WEAVER GEORGE 62 N Chamberlain 10-12 ..... J Supple (5)
14 HUNTER FOREST 89F D Nicholson 10-12 ..... A Maguire
15 BALLON 62F M Dods 10-7 ..... T Reed
16 0 QUEEN OF THE DOORN 27 G Moore 10-7 ..... N Bentley (3)
17 SHARKASHKA 66F M H Easterby 10-7 ..... L Wyer

5-2 Ground Nut, 3-1 Water Forest, 7-1 Danng Past, 8-1 Panther, Sharkashka, 10-1 bpo, 14-1 Volunteer Point, 16-1 Almamzar, Ballon, 20-1 Queen Of The Doorn, 25-1 others.

1.30 APPLETON ROEBUCK NOVICES CHASE
(£2,794: 2m) (6)

1 -212 RODEO STAR 25 (D,BF,F,G,S) N Tinkler 7-11-5 ..... D Murphy
2 /PU5 CALDECOTT 8 Mrs S Smith 7-11-0 ..... D Byrne
3 131- GALLATEEN 239 (F,G,S) G Richards 5-11-0 ..... N Doughty
4 F-52 ISSYIN 11 M W Easterby 6-11-0 ..... R Garritty
5 5020 MONAUGHTY MAN 10 E Cano 7-11-0 ..... P Williams (5)
6 0243 RAMSTAR 17 D Nicholson 5-11-0 ..... A Maguire

2-1 Rodeo Star, 11-4 Gallateen, 7-2 Issyin, 5-1 Ramstar, 6-1 Monaughty Man, 50-1 Caldecott.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: D Nicholson, 7 winners from 18 runners, 38.9%; Mrs M Reveley, 34 from 101, 33.7%; J Gifford, 5 from 19, 26.3%; Jimmy Fitzgerald, 21 from 91, 23.1%; G Richards, 27 from 120, 22.5%; J Mackie, 7 from 33, 21.2%.

JOCKEYS: A Maguire, 7 winners from 25 rides, 28.0%; N Doughty, 19 from 80, 23.8%; P Niven, 35 from 153, 22.9%; L Wyer, 27 from 124, 21.8%; D Bentley, 5 from 24, 20.8%; M Dwyer, 28 from 158, 17.8%; D Murphy, 3 from 17, 17.6%.

2.00 LONG MARSTON HANDICAP HURDLE
(£3,054: 2m 4f 110yd) (9)

1 -603 DOMINANT SERENADE 40 (6,S) M Hammond 4-11-12 ..... D Bentley (5)
2 5413 KADI 17 (BF,G,S) D Nicholson 4-11-11 ..... A Maguire
3 110- VIARDOT 143F (S) Mrs M Reveley 4-11-10 ..... P Niven
4 50-5 THE DEMON BARBER 20 (CD,F,G,S) G Richards 11-11-3 ..... N Doughty
5 111- TINDARI 322 (G) J Jefferson 5-11-0 ..... P Williams (5)
6 0320 ABLE PLAYER 24 (B,C,D,F,G,S) Mrs S Bramall 6-10-12 ..... Mr D Parker (7)
7 5002 ANDERMATT 10 (CD,BF,S) J Mackie 6-10-10 ..... D Murphy
8 1153 TOOGOOD TO BE TRUE 24 (C,G,S) M H Easterby 5-10-7 L Wyer
9 -550 ARCTIC OATS 94 (F,G) W Haigh 8-10-0 ..... F Leahy (7)

3-1 Kadi, 4-1 Dominant Serenade, 5-1 Andermatt, Toogood To Be True, 6-1 Tindari, 8-1 Arctic Oats, Viardot, 12-1 Able Player, 14-1 The Demon Barber.

2.35 CASTLEFORD CHASE (£37,672: 2m) (5)

1 -121 CLAY COUNTY 28 (CD,F,G,S) R Allan 8-11-10 ..... S Storey
2 -222 DEEP SENSATION 24 (D,F,G,S) J Gifford 8-11-10 ..... D Murphy
3 13-1 SYBILLIN 24 (D,F,G,S) Jimmy Fitzgerald 7-11-10 ..... M Dwyer
4 11-2 VIKING FLAGSHIP 20 (D,BF,F,G,S) D Nicholson 6-11-10 P Niven
5 P-P3 WATERLOO BOY 24 (CD,F,G,S) D Nicholson 10-11-10 ..... A Maguire

5-4 Sybillin, 5-2 Waterloo Boy, 7-2 Deep Sensation, 5-1 Viking Flagship, 12-1 Clay County.

3.05 BICKERTON HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,522: 3m 110yd) (7)

1 -511 WHAAT FETTLE 47 (CD,G,S) G Richards 8-12-0 ..... M Moloney
2 -F32 BISHOPS ISLAND 16 (BF,S) D Nicholson 7-11-13 ..... A Maguire
3 4/53- DEEP COLONIST 348 (D,G,S) T Tate 11-11-10 ..... M Dwyer
4 3-22 MANDER'S WAY 45 (D,G,S) Mrs T M Skinner 8-10-10 G Upton
5 2F13 PIPER O'DRUMMOND 11 (D,G,S) Mrs S Bramall 6-10-7 ..... Mr D Parker (7)
6 1P/2 THE MALTKILN 19 (V,C,D,F,G,S) M Hammond 10-10-6 P Niven
7 6-21 BOLLINGER 19 (F,G,S) J Gifford 7-10-3 ..... D Murphy

3-1 Whaat Fettle, 7-2 Piper O'Drummond, 4-1 Bishops Island, 5-1 Bollinger, 6-1 Mander's Way, 7-1 The Maltkiln, 25-1 Deep Colonist.

3.35 BRAMHAM NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,093: 2m 4f 110yd) (12)

1 6-31 SAVOY 24 (C,G) G Richards 6-11-13 ..... N Doughty
2 0413 MASTER BOSTON 10 (D,S) R Woodhouse 5-11-3 J Driscoll (7)
3 2U07 IVY HOUSE 11 (S) J O'Neill 5-11-2 ..... M Dwyer
4 -P13 SWEET NOBLE 22 (CD,BF,S) Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-11-1 ..... F Leahy (7)
5 2-93 IMAN 21 R D'Leary 6-10-5 ..... L Wyer
6 43-0 AURORA LAD 18 Mrs S Smith 6-10-3 ..... D Byrne
7 2P55 NORTHERN SQUIRE 11 J Jefferson 5-10-0 ..... P Williams (5)
8 0406 HICKSONS CHOICE 8 J Wade 5-10-0 ..... A Maguire
9 P0-0 STRONG SILVER 28 (B) R Johnson 8-10-0 ..... Miss P Robson
10 6-05 RUSSIAN CASTLE 12 J Wade 4-10-0 ..... D Ryan (7)
11 -0P0 HAUT-BRION 42 Mrs S Smith 4-10-0 ..... D Towler (7)
12 P-P0 PRICELESS HOLLY 42 R Wood 5-10-0 ..... C Woodall (7)

3-1 Savoy, 7-2 Sweet Noble, 4-1 Ivy House, 5-1 Master Boston, 6-1 Iman, 8-1 Aurora Lad, 10-1 Northern Squire, 14-1 Hicksons Choice, 50-1 others.

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1.40 L.P.K. UPHOLSTERY NURSERY HANDICAP
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1 0021 PRIVATE FIXTURE 13 (D,G) W Jarvis 9-7 ..... M Tebbutt 5
2 0314 IN A MOMENT 42 (V,G) S Norton 9-4 ..... D Pears (3) 4
3 0110 LITTLE IBMR 35 (B,D,BF,G) N Callaghan 8-7 ..... K Darley 3
4 0505 ALPINE JOHNNY 13 R Hollinshead 8-2 ..... Paul Eddery 1
5 2003 CHARLIES DREAM 14 K Burke 7-11 ..... N Adams 7
6 4060 HE SHALL REIGN 12 J Fitch-Heyes 7-11 ..... J Fanning 2
7 4331 JUST GREENWICH 1 (V) P Evans 8-0 (7ex) ..... J Quinn 8
8 6044 CHILTERN SHOW 157 A Bailey 7-7 ..... D Wright (5) 6

5-2 Private Fixture, 3-1 In A Moment, 7-2 Just Greenwich, 5-1 Charlies Dream, 6-1 Little Ibmr, 8-1 Chiltern Show, 14-1 Alpine Johnny, 33-1 He Shall Reign.

2.10 WEAVER CARPETS CLAIMING STAKES
(£3,080: 6f) (13)

1 0613 SEA DEVIL 1 (D,F,G,S) M Camacho 7-9-3 ..... L Charnock 11
2 00-0 NIGHT FANTASY 42 N Walker 5-9-2 ..... S Dawson 2
3 343- BANHAM COLLEGE 435 (S) B McMahon 7-9-1 ..... A Clark 7
4 1005 LOVE LEGEND 27 (D,F,G,S) D Arbuthnot 8-9-1 ..... J Williams 12
5 8042 FIRST OPTION 13 (D,BF,F,G,S) M H Easterby 3-8-11 K Darley 6
6 0005 ASSIGNMENT 10 (D,F,G) J Fitch-Heyes 7-8-7 ..... T Williams 13
7 0020 SUPER BENZ 1 (B,D,BF,F,G,S) B Bentley 7-8-7 ..... J Fanning 9
8 4555 CHILI LADY 85 R Brotherton 3-8-4 ..... A Mackay 4
9 00-0 BRIDGE STREET BOY 40J J Bosley 4-8-3 Darren Moffatt (5) 3
10 0300 CHOICE LOT 35 (B,F) A Jones 6-8-3 ..... J Quinn 10
11 0000 HICKORY BLUE 27 S Norton 3-8-3 ..... D Gibbs (7) 1
12 555 RUPERT COURT 122 T Barron 5-8-3 ..... D Biggs 5
13 0440 DAL MISS 101J (B) R Peacock 6-7-12 ..... N Adams 5

3-1 Super Benz, 7-2 Assignment, 4-1 Sea Devil, 9-2 First Option, 8-1 Hickory Blue, Love Legend, 10-1 Rupert Court, 12-1 Chili Lady, 14-1 others.

2.40 GREYHOUND PLANT HANDICAP
(£4,498: 7f) (8)

1 0120 DREAM CARRIER 14 (D,F,G) T Barron 5-10-0 ..... K Darley 2
2 1100 MOON STRIKE 234 (F,G) W O'Gorman 3-10-0 ..... Emma O'Gorman (3) 3
3 5320 AFRICAN CHIMES 10 (D,BF,F,G) W Muir 8-9-12 Paul Eddery 4
4 1-64 FAEZ 29 (D,S) J Arnold 3-9-7 ..... C Rutter 7
5 3100 LETSBEONESTABOUTIT 1 (B,D,F,G,S) Mrs N Macauley 7-9-2 ..... Dale Gibson 8
6 0259 HAWAII STORM 61 (D,BF,G,S) Miss A Weatfield 5-8-8 R Street 6
7 054 RAVE-ON-HADLEY 45 A Bailey 3-8-5 ..... A Mackay 5
8 2584 PUSEY STREET BOY 13 (D,F,G,S) J Bosley 6-7-12 ..... J Quinn 1

5-2 African Chimes, 7-2 Faez, Moon Strike, 9-2 Dream Carrier, 5-1 Letsbeonestabouit, 8-1 Rave-On-Hadley, 12-1 Pusey Street Boy, 20-1 Hawaii Storm.

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3.10 BANKS'S BREWERY HANDICAP
(£4,625: 1m 4f) (9)

1 128- ELEMENTARY 261 (D,F,G) N Walker 10-10-0 ..... S Dawson 9
2 661- GRIDS 191 (D,G) S Sherwood 4-10-0 ..... J Williams 8
3 3000 HORIZON 36 (B,D,F,G) T Thomson Jones 5-9-13 ..... D Biggs 4
4 0064 DESERT ZONE 14 (S) J Harris 4-9-10 ..... Paul Eddery 6
5 0003 MAD MILITANT 12 (D,F,G) R Hollinshead 4-9-6 ..... K Darley 3
6 2624 WORDSMITH 33J (BF,G) D Burchell 3-8-12 ..... J Weaver 7
7 0410 STRAT'S LEGACY 20 (CD,BF,F,G) D Arbuthnot 5-8-12 R Price 2
8 2212 TTYFRAN 59J (D,BF,F) B Baugh 3-8-8 ..... D Wright (5) 1
9 0000 MODEST HOPE 35 (D,F,G) B Richmond 6-8-3 ..... A Garth (5) 5

3-1 Desert Zone, Mad Militant, 5-1 Tiytran, Wordsmith, 8-1 Grog, 9-1 Strat's Legacy, 10-1 Elementary, Horizon, 33-1 Modest Hope.

3.40 WESTON CLAIMING STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,579: 6f) (13)

1 BAYOU C Booth 8-12 ..... L Charnock 13
2 0250 LUCIUS LOCKET 120 J Berry 8-10 ..... P Roberts (7) 5
3 3250 MONSIEUR PETONS 101 M Channon 8-10 ..... R Painter (7) 6
4 0353 WINDOW DISPLAY 10 (S) Mrs N Macauley 8-8 ..... K Darley 2
5 6660 OVALWORLD 155 D Nicholls 8-6 ..... Paul Eddery 8
6 08 ABBOTS DAUGHTER 239 B McMahon 8-5 ..... A Clark 12
7 000 GOVERNOR'S BAY 50 B Baugh 8-4 ..... J Quinn 1
8 010 LOVE OF THE NORTH 92 (G) R Jarvis 8-2 ..... Dale Gibson 7
9 6000 LADY WESTBURY 12 (V) K Burke 8-1 ..... N Adams 3
10 5130 FOUR OF SPADES 20 (B,D,G) B Bosley 8-0 ..... J Fanning 9
11 04 REDWOOD CUBE 36 B Morgan 8-0 ..... S Bardwell 11
12 0645 FLOATING TRIAL 14 (V,D,G) D Nicholls 7-13 ..... D Wright (5) 4
13 0000 NORDICO PRINCESS 29 (D,G) R Hollinshead 7-13 A Mackay 10

4-1 Four Of Spades, 5-1 Love Of The North, 6-1 Floating Trial, Window Display, 7-1 Lady Westbury, Nordico Princess, 8-1 Abbots Daughter, 12-1 others.

4.10 DERRY BUILDING SERVICES HANDICAP
(£3,435: 1m 100yd) (12)

1 00-6 NASHAAT 10 (B,F) M Walker 5-10-0 ..... S Dawson 8
2 5202 AITCH N'BEE 49J (D,G,S) Lady Herries 10-9-11 ..... K Darley 10
3 12 MIDNIGHT JAZZ 29 (D,BF,G) W O'Gorman 3-9-5 ..... Emma O'Gorman (3) 5
4 2146 EASTLEIGH 269 (D,G,S) R Hollinshead 4-9-4 M Humphries (7) 3
5 00-0 SALUTING WALTER 10 (D,G) P Evans 5-8-10 ..... A Clark 6
6 0000 MAPLE BAY 25J K Wells 4-8-4 ..... J Quinn 4
7 0304 LOCHORE 29 (D,G) R Ingram 3-7-11 ..... Dale Gibson 7
8 0003 SIE AMATO 20J (D,G) J H Wilson 4-7-10 Darren Moffatt (5) 12
9 0000 WILD PROSPECT 54 (F,G) C Tinkler 5-7-7 ..... L Charnock 1
10 2080 MALCERNE 1 (D,F) J H Wilson 4-7-7 ..... D Wright (5) 11
11 0000 IRISH GROOM 42 (B,CD,G) J Smith 6-7-7 ..... A Garth (5) 9
12 000/ LEOLENE POKEY 19J J Dooler 4-7-7 ..... N Adams 2

3-1 Midnight Jazz, 7-2 Aitch N'Bee, 4-1 Sie Amato, 5-1 Nashaat, 6-1 Eastleigh, 8-1 Lochore, 10-1 Malcerne, Irish Groom, 20-1 others.

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TRAINERS: W Jarvis, 4 winners from 20 runners, 20.0%; J Berry, 15 from 126, 12.7%; D Arbuthnot, 3 from 28, 10.7%. Only qualifiers.

JOCKEYS: A Clark, 5 winners from 32 rides, 15.6%; K Darley, 4 from 26, 15.4%; D Biggs, 5 from 40, 12.5%; Dale Gibson, 4 from 40, 10.0%. Only qualifiers.

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1993: The year writs flew and 'judges went bonkers'

At the trial in New York of *Shaikh Omar Abdel-Rahman*, accused of organising the bombing of the World Trade Centre in February, a potential juror was excused from duty after he explained that the sight of the courthouse in Manhattan always made him feel unwell.

"I get the runs, I get a bad headache, I get pains in my chest," *he said.* Many of those who entered courtrooms in 1993 will know exactly how he feels.

In upholding the convictions of sado-masochists for wounding each other by consent, Lord Templeman explained that "pleasure derived from the infliction of pain is an evil thing".

In Dorset, a judge ordered a grandmother to stop playing her Jim Reeves records at full volume for 18 hours a day. A man was put on probation for a year for attempting to deceive his bookmakers, Ladbrokes, into paying out £4,000 billion on a £1 bet.

The unit fine system established by the Criminal Justice Act 1991 was repealed after cases such as that in which an unemployed youth was fined £1,200 (reduced on appeal to £48) for throwing an empty crisp packet from his car.

The Crown Prosecution Service announced that it did not intend to charge Alan Clark, the former minister, in relation to his conduct in the Matrix Churchill affair. They had, they announced, been "unable to establish with sufficient certainty which of the inconsistent statements made by Mr Clark was not true".

A jury found three former detectives not guilty of manufacturing interview notes which led to the conviction of the Guildford Four, who were earlier cleared on appeal. In another case, a judge held that because of prejudicial publicity, three former detectives should not be tried for allegedly telling lies to secure the conviction of the Birmingham Six.

> 'We are unable to establish which of the inconsistent statements made by Mr Clark was not true'

The Royal Commission on Criminal Justice made 352 recommendations for reform.

Two boys, aged 11, were convicted of the murder of two-year-old James Bulger. A nurse, Beverly Allitt, was jailed for life for the murder, attempted murder and assault of 13 children in her care. The Law Lords allowed doctors to stop feeding Tony Bland, a victim of the Hillsborough disaster.

The Prime Minister sued two magazines for libel after they published articles about his private life. Elton John won £350,000 libel damages against the *Sunday Mirror*. The Queen accepted an apology and £200,000 damages (which were paid to charity) from *The Sun* for publishing her 1992 Christmas message two days early.

The Princess of Wales obtained an injunction to stop the *Sunday Mirror* and the *Daily Mirror* from further publication of photographs of her in a gymnasium.

When the courts refused to grant an injunction to stop the *Daily Mirror* from publishing extracts from Lady Thatcher's memoirs, Andrew Neil, the editor of *The Sunday Times* (which had bought the serialisation rights) complained that "the judges have gone collectively bonkers".

Most compassionate judge of the year was Mr Justice Biofeld. He told the jury in the case of a man accused (and later convicted) of spying that they would have to spend the night in a hotel, and so he would allow "supervised" viewing of England's World Cup football match against San Marino. But, he added humanely, "Do not feel you have to watch."

The Divisional Court decided that the Home Secretary had erred in refusing to grant a posthumous pardon to Derek Bentley, hanged 40 years ago.

The judicial committee of the Privy Council concluded that it would be inhuman and degrading punishment for Jamaica to execute prisoners who had been kept on that country's death row for 14 years. A judge in New York was criticised for doodling a "happy face" on a death sentence which he had signed.

The House of Lords agreed that the courts had power to grant injunctions against the Crown and that Kenneth Baker, as Home Secretary, had acted in contempt of court by his treatment of an asylum seeker in 1991. The European Court of Justice held that English law cannot impose an upper limit on compensation for victims of sex discrimination in employment. A claim by Lord Rees-Mogg that Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, was acting unlawfully in signing the Maastricht Treaty was rejected (though this did not deter a woman from issuing a writ against her MP for alleged breach of contract by voting for the treaty).

The conduct of the Serious Fraud Office gave serious cause for unofficial concern. The SFO apologised for making groundless suggestions that Mr Justice Tucker should stand down from the Asil Nadir trial because of an alleged plot to bribe him. The Attorney-General, Sir Nicholas Lyell, admitted that, contrary to his earlier statement to Parliament, the SFO had taken and distributed privileged documents belonging to Mr Nadir. A lawyer working for the SFO admitted forging a letter purporting to come from Sir David Steel, as an "April Fool joke".

There was hot competition for the most foolish judicial act of the year. A magistrate in London refused to hear an application because the solicitor advocate was wearing a sports jacket. In Scotland, a sheriff put a defendant in the cells for 90 minutes for answering questions "Aye" rather than "Yes". A judge ordered a 15-year-old rapist to pay his schoolgirl victim £500 so she could go on holiday (the Court of Appeal substituted a sentence of two years' detention). A man who wolf-whistled at a female juror in court was sent to prison for 14 days (the Court of Appeal allowed an appeal against the sentence).

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The former chief judge of the New York Court of Appeals pleaded guilty to threatening to kidnap the daughter of his former lover. A judge in Ohio told a defendant, "I've had the misfortune of being involved with some of the lowest scum this county has to offer and you've made the top ten." President Clinton's first and second choices as Attorney-General, Zoe Baird and Kimba Wood, each withdrew because of allegations that they had failed to comply with legal requirements concerning the employment of home help.

In Canada, an enquiry recommended the dismissal of an Ontario judge for grabbing the buttocks of a court reporter and forcibly kissing a prosecutor. The judge had described himself as "affectionate". In Germany, the judge presiding over the trial of Erich Honecker, the former leader of East Germany, was removed from the case by an appeal panel because he had asked the defendant for his autograph. The Israeli Supreme Court found John Demjanjuk not guilty of being Ivan the Terrible, a guard at the Treblinka concentration camp during the Second World War.

There was widespread sorrow throughout the legal profession as Tiny Rowland and Mohamed Al Fayed shook hands and settled their differences. Mr Rowland explained that "we decided to keep solicitors out of this because otherwise the whole thing would have taken weeks and cost us lots of money". Lawyers are hoping that 1994 will not involve further displays of the unacceptable face of alternative dispute resolution.

● *David Pannick QC is a practising barrister and a Fellow of All Souls College, Oxford.*

LEGAL APPOINTMENTS

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Why the premiere of Synge's Playboy of the Western World caused a great theatrical riot

SIX SHOWS THAT SHOCKED THE WORLD: *Times* critics relive the century's great cultural sensations

When pop was Experienced

DAY TWO: **David Sinclair** recreates the night Jimi Hendrix strapped on his upside-down Stratocaster, turned the volume up to maximum, and changed the face of rock guitar

Jimi Hendrix and another third of the Experience, drummer Mitch Mitchell, in vivid concert at the Marquee club in early 1967

On September 24, 1966, an unknown American guitarist called Jimi Hendrix arrived at Heathrow Airport. Accompanied by his English manager, Chas Chandler, he was admitted to Britain on a seven-day, non-work permit. Within a fortnight he had recruited two English musicians and convened the Jimi Hendrix Experience. By Christmas the trio had played in England, France and Germany and released their first single, "Hey Joe".

But it was a string of "showcase" concerts in small, London clubs that sent the first shock waves coursing through the tightly knit rock community. Between October 1966 and January 1967, at late-night celebrity watering holes like the Bag O' Nails, the Speakeasy and the Scotch of St James, Hendrix assailed musicians, journalists and record company tastemakers with a bravura display of technique and showmanship the like of which had never been seen.

There was, in reality, no single show at which all of the following events occurred. But with a little stretching of the imagination it could have happened something like this . . .

From his vantage point behind the bar, Freddie looked across with idle curiosity as the band set up their gear. Like most of the casuals who worked the late shifts at this élite West End dive, he knew a bit about music and musicians. But he'd never seen any act bring quite so much equipment to play a basement club like this. The drum kit was normal-sized, but instead of the usual Vox or Fender amplifiers, which stood about knee-high, this lot had brought four huge Marshall speaker cabinets. Stacked in pairs, one on top of the other, on either side of the kit, and each with its 100-watt amp on top, these "stacks" were as tall as a man.

In a corner of the tiny stage Gerry Stickells, whose unenviable job it was to cart this equipment around and set it up, was wondering for the umpteenth time exactly how the shy, left-handed American with the shock of fuzzy hair and unnaturally long fingers managed to run this whole bizarre set-up. Drawing his hand across Hendrix's amp controls he turned all volume and tone levels full up to ten, as instructed. Logically, this meant that Hendrix exerted complete control direct from the guitar, and Stickells knew that when the instrument itself reached a certain level of volume the guitarist somehow harnessed all sorts of rogue frequencies that started bouncing between pick-up and amplifier. But no one, not even Stickells, had a clue exactly how it was done.

> The sound ricocheted round the room; rich, clangy and loud

It was 11.30pm and the club was filling up. Although, in the world at large, Hendrix had yet to make his mark, in the upper echelons of the rock fraternity he was already very hot news. Over at the bar, even Freddie could feel the buzz of excitement. He had just finished serving drinks to Graham Nash of the Hollies and John Lennon, when he saw Brian Jones, Paul McCartney and Brigitte Bardot all melt into the darkness of the club. Ten minutes later, Mick Jagger arrived. He was accompanied by a beautiful blonde woman, but seemed more interested in a conversation he was having with Jeff Beck, the virtuoso guitarist from the Yardbirds.

It was just before midnight when the Experience sidled on. Hendrix, resplendent in an embroidered Regency frock coat, strapped a Stratocaster upside-down round his neck, plugged in and hit a quick jittery chord to check the tuning. The sound seemed to ricochet round the room, rich, clangy and, yes, incredibly loud. With little more ado the band launched into "Rock Me Baby", an old B.B. King song, but now speeded up almost beyond recognition.

Certain things were immediately apparent about this exotic newcomer. He had tremendous presence, combining mischievous sensuality with macho bravado. He sang in an elegant and authentically bluesy drawl which he peppered with asides and little comments. "Just watch me now," he yelped with unforced glee as he tore into another breakneck arrangement of a blues standard, Howlin' Wolf's "Killing Floor".

As the celebrity crowd watched with mounting amazement it became apparent that Hendrix also had at his command a range of playing techniques that were streets ahead of anything which other guitarists had so far attempted. Beck, in particular, watched with stunned admiration and a sinking heart as Hendrix ripped through the mashed, added-ninth chord shapes and siren-blooping solo of "Stone Free", whacking out a high feedback harmonic then using the tremelo arm to make it flutter, swirl and eventually dive down the register.

For Beck, it was all too much. Eyes glued to the floor he walked up the steps and out of the club. At the entrance he bumped into Eric Clapton and Pete Townshend. "What's the matter, mate?" said Townshend, looking at the baleful Beck. "Is he that bad?"

Beck rolled his eyes skyward. "No, Pete, he's that good."

Hendrix saw Clapton and Townshend walk in. Here was the man British blues fans called God, accompanied by the performer whose hooligan stage routines with the Who had won him instant acclaim as the prototype "wild man of rock". Hendrix grinned widely and motioned to Stickells at the side of the stage.

"Get behind my speakers, man, and if anything happens, hang on," he said and launched into a version of "Wild Thing", which had just been a big British hit for the Troggs.

Hendrix slowed down the tempo, increased the specific gravity by several tons, and added a playfully risqué dimension to the song which the original had hardly even hinted at. As he launched into the solo, he raised his left hand into the air, and cranked the volume to the point where he was playing the guitar, one-handed, simply by fretting the strings very forcefully with his right hand. Incongruously picking out the melody line of Frank Sinatra's "Strangers In The Night", he sank to his knees while the sequence dissolved into a shuddering miasma of feedback. Next, he slid the guitar across the microphone stand, creating startling glissandos, then he played it over his shoulders and finally he turned and took a running jump at his speaker cabinets.

Luckily, Stickells bore the brunt of the impact, saving the equipment from toppling over as Hendrix repeatedly hammered and strafed the body of the guitar against the speaker casings, setting off all sorts of distressed explosions of noise as the song reached its climax.

Here, then, was an introduction to a performer who was more bluesy than Clapton, more sexual than Jagger, more anarchic than Townshend, more technically accomplished than Beck and more authentic than the lot of them put together. Nothing would ever be the same again.

Within four years, Hendrix was dead. And yet, in all substantive respects, the art of playing the electric guitar has advanced hardly any distance at all beyond the point to which he took it.

ROCK CONCERTS: The voice of articulate anger south of the Thames; the hope of a more tuneful life north of it

Ice-T, the rapper with a heart of cold gold, points out a few home truths to his enemies — most of humanity, it seems

Children of the revolution

Ice-T / Body Count
Brixton Academy

IT WOULD be the easiest thing in the world to write Ice-T off as an ogre. This is the Californian rapper, a black man, whose lyrics are shot through with violence. Thrown off Time-Warner Records in January after the furore that greeted a song entitled "Cop Killer", he never even hit the ground. He is probably the world's biggest-selling rap artist and, for many, the spokesman responsible for their induction into radical politics.

By joining with the four-strong black hardcore band, Body Count, Ice-T (or, to give him his real name, Tracy Marrow) has found a way of reaching the young white audiences who are rocking out to the likes of Nirvana or Pearl Jam. They filled Brixton Academy in an excited frenzy, slamdancing and stage-diving. They had the band's two albums *Body Count* and *Born Dead* — word-perfect.

If the pairing of rap and rock seems odd, it should be remembered that the two have shared a history ever since Run DMC cut up their first Led Zeppelin riffs. From these beginnings come Body Count. Every song is a blur of noise: guitarists Ernie-C and D-Roc kept up a relentless barrage throughout this lengthy concert. The effects of Beatmaster V and Mooseman's rhythm section could only be measured on the Richter scale. Possessed of a fine pair of lungs and a resilient throat, Ice-T bellowed through tracks whose salubrious titles included "KKK Bitch", "Death by Murder", "Drive By" and a ditty about his penis called "Evil Dick". This proved a special favourite. "Evil! Dick! Yeah!" chorused the Brixton hearties in tones that would make Wicked Willy shrivel up and die. Ice-T, clad in black combat trousers and a black woolly hat, beat time on his bare chest.

"Born Dead", which refers to the life opportunities of oppressed humanity, was a howl from the underclass. "Momma's Gotta Die" was a shockingly graphic account of the torching and dismemberment of a racist mother. "You let me down, momma," is the refrain.

Protest songs were once tuneful affairs. Body Count makes no concessions to anything that might detract from its raging form.

Theirs is an angry, primal sound as ugly — and, for some, as energising — as the first chords struck by the Sex Pistols. Punks spoke about disaffection and terminal boredom and these messages were worth attending to.

It would be pragmatic to listen closely to the lines in Ice T's own songs, for in their fury there is a heart that wishes for peace.

LOUISE GRAY

Some fantastic players, all right

Squeeze
Forum, NW5

WHEN rock critics gather of an evening down at the Ligger's Arms, there to nurse a half-pint because they're buying their own drinks and chew the fat about the crucial affairs of the day, one topic must surely dominate all others: why, in a world crying out for the pure pop art that seems to have been forgotten in this dance-ridden era, aren't Squeeze bigger than they are?

Granted, a 15-year career is not to be sneezed at. Nor are three Top Ten singles and a raft of respectably selling albums, the latest being the beautiful *Some Fantastic Place*. But they should have done so much more. At the Forum, as at the Albert Hall a couple of months ago, they were preaching to the converted, that group of thirty-something, balding at the front and ponytailed at the back enthusiasts (too old to be called fans) that was hooked by "Cool for Cats" back in 1979 and has bravely hoisted the Squeeze flag high ever since.

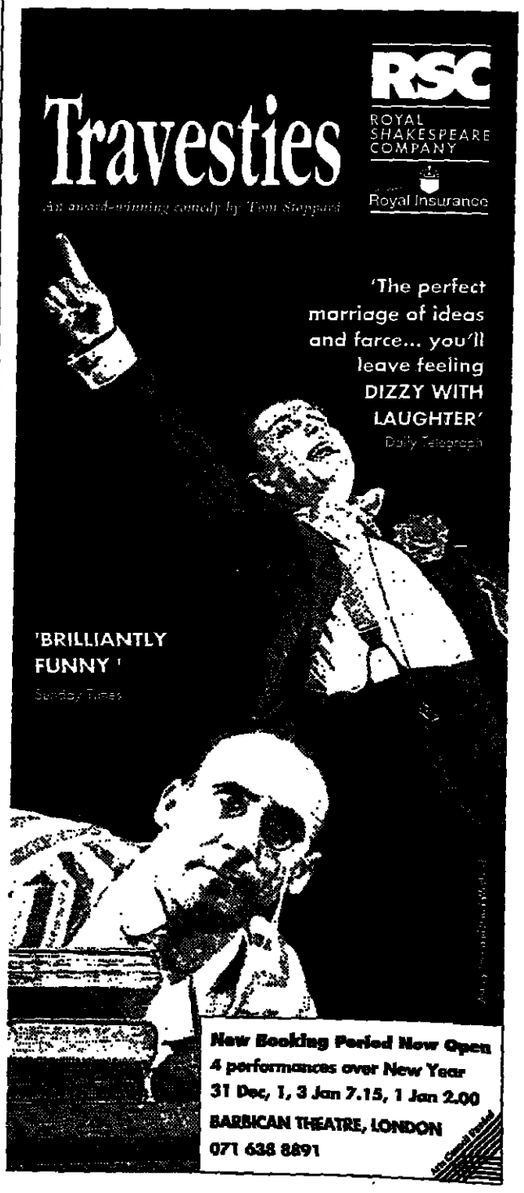
Think how much more exciting it would have been had Take That, or their minders, decided to record "Goodbye Girl". The Forum would have been packed with prepubescents making lewd suggestions about Chris Difford's patchwork jacket. But it was not to be.

Instead, we had to move those bits of our body that don't creak to some gorgeous tunes, spectacular musicianship and occasionally risible lyrics ("This morning at 4.50 / I took her rather nifty", from "Up The Junction" has got to be one of the worst lines in pop). When we could hear them, that was — the sound in the Forum was dire, a sort of primeval sludge from which the songs we knew and loved so well would rear their lovely heads.

Difford (rhythm guitar — these details inserted for the benefit of the millions who do not know), Glenn Tilbrook (fab lead guitar), Paul Carrack (keyboards), Keith Wilkinson (bass) and Pete Thomas (drums) kicked off with "Another Nail In My Heart", which everyone seemed to know, despite the fact that it only got to No 17 in 1980. Soon, the audience was in full, thrilling voice on "Pulling Mussels From The Shell" (No 44 later that year), and Tilbrook was obliged to point his microphone towards the faithful when they got to "Tempted" (No 41 in 1981). Word-perfect we were, presumably because we were the ones who propelled the songs to those dizzy heights at the time.

Besides the sound, there was one drawback: Carrack, once of Ace, has a fine soul voice, but it seemed a bit self-indulgent for him to give it an extended outing on a string of soul and r'n'b covers. But the band had, by then, been augmented by a trumpet and two saxophones, and were presumably acting on the basis that they had a brass section and they were going to use it.

CHRIS CAMPLING



TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

ANORAK OF FIRE Return of Stephen Dinsdale's hilarious but also touching account of a trainspotter's obsession. James Holmes plays the dedicated hero, thermos by his side.
Arts, Great Newport St, WC2 (071-836 2132). Opens tonight, 8pm. Then Tue-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 6pm.

JACK IN THE BEANSTALK Cheer, clap, hiss and boo to your heart's content with Little and Large as the King and court jester. Stefan Dennis of *Neighbours* as Jack. Kevin Lloyd of *The Bill* as the demon and Vicki Michelle of *Allo Allo* as the fairy.
Wimbledon, The Broadway, SW19 (081-540 0362). Today-Sat, 2.30 and 7.30pm. No perf Dec 31, Jan 2, 1.30 and 6.30pm. Until Jan 30 🅂

MOZART IN COSTUME Ian Watson's chosen programme for the Mozart Festival Orchestra this evening includes Overture, *Marriage of Figaro*, *Eine kleine Nachtmusik*, Piano Concerto No 23, Horn Concerto No 4 and Symphony No 41 (*Jupiter*). Watson also plays piano and is joined by Richard Watkins at the horn soloist. As the title indicates, the performers are all in their elegant, 18th-century sartorial best.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, 7.30pm 🅂

ELSEWHERE

BIRMINGHAM: Rosemarie Ford joins the ranks of glamorous principal boys as this year's **Dick Whittington**. Accompanying her is a twinkling all-star cast including Lesley Joseph, John Nettles, Jeffrey Holland, Ross King and Wayne Sleep, fittingly, as the cat.
Hippodrome, Hurst Street (021-622 7486). Today-Thurs, 2.30 and 7.15pm, Dec 31, 2.30 and 6.30pm. No perf Jan 1. Jan 2, 1pm and 5.15pm 🅂

HALIFAX: Christopher Gable made his choreographic debut with the Northern Ballet Theatre's **Cinderella** and what you get is an unorthodox version of a familiar tale. For all that, however, Jayne Regan throws herself into the marathon title role. William Walker is the epitome of the handsome, elegant prince and Victoria Westall is a deliciously wicked stepmother.
Victoria Theatre, Wards End (0422 351158). Today - Jan 9. Daily at 7.30pm, except Dec 31, 5pm. No perf Jan 2. Mats, Dec 30 and Jan 8, 2.30pm 🅂

POOLE: **Peter Pan** returns from Never Never Land to transport the Darling family to a time of adventure and spectacle. Join them for encounters with pirates, mermaids, a hungry crocodile, generous sprinklings of fairy dust and the arch baddie Captain Hook, in the guise of Matthew Kelly. With Tina Doyle as Wendy.
Towngate Theatre, Kingland Road, Poole (0202 685222). Today-Sat, 2.30 and 7.15pm. Until Jan 15

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican: The London Group (071-638 4141) ... **British Museum**: Deities and Devotions: Hindu art; Kawanabe Kyosai (071-636 1555) ... **Festival Hall**: Bruce Chatwin's Photographs (071-928 3002) ... **National Portrait Gallery**: The Portrait Now; Thomas Eakins (071-306 0055) ... **National Gallery**: Ken Kiff (071-839 3321) ... **Royal Academy of Arts**: Drawings from the J. Paul Getty Museum (071-439 7438) ... **Serpentine**: Richard Wentworth (071-402 6075) ... **Tate**: Writing on the Wall: women artists, Ben Nicholson; Turner's Vignettes (071-887 8008) ... **Victoria & Albert**: Gates of Mystery: Russian icons; 150 Years of the Christmas Card (071-938 8500).

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◩ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

◩ **ASPECTS OF LOVE**: Andrew Lloyd Webber now has six musicals running concurrently as this one returns for a short revival. Not one of the best.
Prince of Wales, Coventry St, WC2 (071-839 5972). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm. Until January 15

☐ **THE BFG** Roald Dahl's Big Friendly Giant makes his seasonally festive call on London.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Mon 7pm, Tue-Fri, 2pm and 7pm, Sat 11am, 2.30pm, 7pm.

■ **CAROUSEL** Tuneful and cleverly set Rodgers and Hammerstein has the familiar mixture of the perceptive and the maudlin.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm 🅂

◩ **A CHRISTMAS CAROL** Patrick Stewart plays 39 characters in this solo performance of the Dickens tale. Acclaimed on Broadway.
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (071-928 7616). Previews tonight, 7.30pm. Opens tomorrow, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mats Dec 30, Jan 1, 4, 6, 8 at 2pm, Jan 2, 4pm. No perf Jan 3. Until January 8.

☐ **JANE EYRE** Alexandra Mathie and Tim Pigott-Smith in the well-known romantic melodrama. Fay Weldon adapts, Helena Kaut-Howson directs.
Playhouse, Northumberland Ave, WC2 (071-839 4401). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs and Sat 3pm 🅂

☐ **FOREVER PLAID**: Genial and wittily performed homage to the four-part harmony groups of the 1950s.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070). Today, 6pm and 8.30pm. Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri and Sat, 6pm and 8.30pm

◩ **AN INSPECTOR CALLS**: Stephen Daldry's marvellously re-imagined version of Priestley's social thriller.
Aldwych, Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 5pm and 8.15pm, mat Wed, 2.30pm 🅂

☐ **JAMAIS VU** Ken Campbell, in typical form with his brilliant blend of humour and philosophical acumen, in the West End for the first time.

Vaudeville Theatre, The Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Sat, 2.30pm. Extended until Jan 8

◩ **MEDEA** Jonathan Kent directs the magnificent Diana Rigg in Euripides's tragedy of a woman's revenge.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Fri, 8pm; Sat, 8.30pm, mats, Sat 5.30pm

☐ **MERRY WIVES** Barry Rutter brings his Northern Broadsides company - "launched as a vehicle for the Northern Voice" - down south for a rumbustious version of *The Merry Wives of Windsor*.
Lyric, King Street, Hammersmith, W6 (081-741 2311). Mon-Sat 7.45pm. Dec 31, 6pm only. No perf Jan 3. Till Jan 15.

◩ **OLEANNA**: Power, politics and punishment at an American university. Great performances by David Suchet and Lia Williams in Harold Pinter's production of David Mamet's play.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm 🅂

◩ **ONE MAN** Electrifying performances by Steven Berkoff in three solo pieces: Poe's *Telltale Heart*; *Actor*; and *Dog*, his hilarious, chilling view of life as seen by a lager lout's rottweiler.
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-494 5040). Mon-Sat, 8pm

☐ **PIAF** Elaine Paige in powerful voice as the Parisian sparrow. The play itself is rather less than marvelous.
Piccadilly, Denman Street, W1 (071-867 1118). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed (Lorraine Brunning) and Sat 3pm

☐ **RELATIVE VALUES** Susan Hampshire, Sara Crowe and Alison Fiske head a strong cast in Coward's snobbish but clever comedy. Tim Luscombe directs.
Savoy, Strand, WC2 (071-836 8888). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm. Extra mat Dec 30, 3pm; no perf Dec 31. 🅂

◩ **SHE STOOPS TO CONQUER**: Donald Sinden, Miriam Margolyes and David Essex in Peter Hall's revival of the evergreen Goldsmith comedy.
Queens, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5041). Today, 3pm and 7.45pm. Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 2.30pm. 🅂

◩ **WHISTLE DOWN THE WIND**: A touching, sentimental Christmas delicacy from the National Youth Music Theatre that loses nothing in its move from cinema to stage.
Lilian Baylis, Arlington Way, EC1 (071-278 8916). Today, Dec 29, 30 and Jan 1; 7.30pm, tomorrow through Sunday, 2.45pm. Until Jan 2. 🅂

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

DESPERATE REMEDIES (15): Artless, exhausting high camp from New Zealand: a period tale of love and deceit. Stewart Main and Peter Wells direct.
MGMs: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (071-586 3057) **Warner** (071-439 0791)

KING OF THE HILL (12): Astute and touching memoir of a Depression childhood, directed by Steven Soderbergh from A.E. Hotchner's book. With Jesse Bradford, Jeroen Krabbé.
Gate 🅂 (071-727 4043) **MGM Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279)

LATE SPRING: Moving portrait of a father and his dutiful daughter, from the Japanese master Yasujiro Ozu, made in 1949. Part of an Ozu season.
Renoir (071-837 8402)

◆ **A PERFECT WORLD** (15): Kevin Costner's criminal on the run with a kidnapped child, and Clint Eastwood in pursuit. Thoughtful if overstretched drama. Eastwood also directs.
Barbican 🅂 (071-638 8891) **MGMs: Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Trocadero** 🅂 (071-434 0031) **Notting Hill Coronet** 🅂 (071-727 6705) **Warner** 🅂 (071-437 4343) **UCI Whiteleys** 🅂 (071-792 3332)

CURRENT

◆ **ADDAMS FAMILY VALUES** (PG): A new baby causes chaos in America's most macabre household. Overblown sequel, with good stretches. With Raul Julia and Anjelica Huston; director, Barry Sonnenfeld.
Empire (071-497 9999) **MGMs: Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** 🅂 (071-434 0031) **Screen/Green** (071-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** 🅂 (071-792 3332)

◆ **ALADDIN** (U): Disney's brash Arabian cartoon does not match expectations, though Robin Williams' Genie is fun.
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◆ **THE CONCIERGE** (PG): Trials and tribulations of an ambitious concierge in a New York hotel. Outdated vehicle for the ebullient Michael J. Fox. With Gabrielle Anwar; director, Barry Sonnenfeld.
MGM Panton Street (071-930 0631)

◆ **THE FUGITIVE** (12): 1960s television series roars back to life with Harrison Ford and Tommy Lee Jones. Andrew Davis directs.
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THE METEOR MAN (PG): Timid Washington teacher turns superhero and cleans up the community. Bland, dishevelled, well-meaning fantasy from writer-director-star Robert Townsend.
Electric 🅂 (071-792 2020)

◆ **THE PIANO** (15): Jane Campion's magnificent tale of repression and desire in mid-19th century New Zealand. With Holly Hunter, Sam Neill, Harvey Keitel.
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THE REMAINS OF THE DAY (U): Life and lost chances of an English butler. Merchant Ivory's immaculate if chilly account of Kazuo Ishiguro's novel with Anthony Hopkins, Emma Thompson.
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◆ **ROBIN HOOD: MEN IN TIGHTS** (PG): Unfunny, outdated Sherwood Forest spoof from Mel Brooks, with Cary Elwes, Roger Rees, Richard Lewis.
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◆ **THE SECRET GARDEN** (U): Polished version of Frances Hodgson Burnett's classic; a confident mainstream debut for director Agnieszka Holland. With Kate Maberly, Maggie Smith.
MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Minema** (071-235 4225) **Warner** 🅂 (071-437 4343)

CHILDREN'S THEATRE: A round-up of the liveliest shows during the Christmas holidays

A classic given a Welsh flavour: Timothy Anderson takes the role of Prince Owain in *The Sleeping Beauty* at the Polka Theatre in Wimbledon

Nothing soppy, nothing blue

The curse of the soppy heroine belongs to pantomime's past, and the modern style is to make Briar Rose chafe at her parents' unexplained supervision of every moment of her childhood. Charles Way's script for **The Sleeping Beauty** (Polka Theatre, Wimbledon) gives her two attractive companions: a half-dragon, fearless but fireless, and Prince Owain, who runs off in fright when sleep invades the castle and must then work his way back over the next hundred years.

Roman Stefanski (director) and Bridget Kimak (designer) give the production a Welsh flavour, and pretty sets that open up from palace to garden, where the christening font changes to a fountain, and so to the dark forest. Here an ultra-violet Spider King and the mischievous Tylwyth Teg — Welsh for faries — try to detain the hero.

"How can I wake her?" he asked anxiously when his vigorous handshakes fail to rouse the heroine. "Kiss her!" cry the well-informed young audience. Tullett & Tokyo Forex have sponsored this agreeable show.

The gracious and enchanting puppets for another **Sleeping Beauty**, this year's Christmas show at the Little Angel Theatre, Islington, were made 50 years ago by John Wright, founder of the Little Angel Marionette Theatre. Six inches shorter than those used by the company today, and packed away in cases for many years, they are little miracles of craftsmanship. The knee-joints move beautifully, and as the guards march across the palace floor their wooden feet make a satisfying clunk-clunk.

The neat script by Gregory Motton, a surprising but inspired choice to adapt the original story, provides royal banter from the sorely-tried Queen, a pair of nincompoop rivals for the Princess's hand, and comic interruptions from the palace pig and cow. Christopher Leith's direction introduces the hand-worked lift that bears the characters up to the top of the tower.

The marionettes are expertly handled, by puppeteers who remain visible above the stage, and there is a lovely moment when the Prince inclines his head in an absolutely realistic gesture of thoughtful courtesy. A shortened version, for three-year-olds, plays in the mornings.

In **Dogman** at the Riverside Studios, Hammersmith, the super-heroic puppy arrives one night from outer space to the childless couple who run a lighthouse. John Dowie, in his own play, makes the hound an appealing creature but creates nothing to justify his super-heroic status, while the first half is burdened with insipid adults who ban the word "blinking" because it is bad language.

Matters improve after the interval (free ice lollies) when Dogman pursues Mrs Misery Guts to the spooky house where she lives with 94 cats. Paul B. Davies plays her like a dyspeptic Margaret Rutherford, but even here chances for theatrical thrills are missed. The show holds the attention of the very young, and deserves credit for incorporating the facts of old age and death, but elsewhere cosiness reigns. Victor Spinetti directs.

Finally, the excellent **Whistle Down the Wind** runs all this week at the Lilian Baylis Theatre. The film classic transcribes beautifully from screen to stage musical.

JEREMY KINGSTON

Wondercrump from the pen of a master

Swipe my swoggles, the Big Friendly Giant is back. This time round, David Wood's stage version of Roald Dahl's story, **The BFG**, is at the Albery. Dumpy but dynamic Ruby Evans acts Sophie, the orphan who makes friends with the funny-talking giant, and narrowly escapes getting swalloped up by his child-chewing neighbours. The BFG is still played by Anthony Pedley, who goofs around endearingly.

The stage version's narrative frame — the tale is all pretend, a dressing-up game in a cosy middle-class home — muzzles the original story's bite. Still, Bonecruncher and Meatdripper, with grabby hands and grotesque Latex heads, are superbly frightful, and Wood's direction can be spellbinding and ingeniously simple. Dahl's gibberish is, of course, wondercrump.

Noddy, Enid Blyton's carved puppet character, is 44 this year. The stage adaptation at the Lyric, Hammersmith — again by David Wood — spruces the story up a bit. The baddie goblins are clearly compulsive joy-riders and Noddy is a vigilante, stamping savagely on car thieves' toes. The piece will surely raise the odd politically correct eyebrow: girl-skittles, apparently, just love being knocked flat.

All the same, Noddy is innocent enough — as naive as two short planks in fact. Big Ears (Eric Potts) is jovially bluff, with a trace of emotional vulnerability and lumbago (the consequences, no doubt, of living alone in a one-bedroom toadstool). Though there is little beauty or magic here, there is a fair amount of fun for the very tiny.

Pinocchio (in **The Further Adventures of Pinocchio** at the Mermaid Theatre), being an actual child-size string puppet, gives a more wooden performance than Karen Briffett, who makes a suspiciously lissom Noddy. Pinocchio's manipulator, Nigel King, has some boyish charm, pulling the faces which Pinocchio — lumbered with a fixed grin — cannot manage. One senses Ciaran McIntyre (Gepetto, the carver) is half-hearted, depressed perhaps by having to engage in conversation with a son who utters prerecorded replies via loudspeakers.

Mary McKenna's costumes are a bit of a jumble. Katrina Ramsay's Goddess Of The Grove appears to be a Botticelli dryad, reduced to nylon and going nowhere as a ballerina. Mike McCormack (Stromboli) has some comparably welcome loud bluster and even louder outfits, but his direction is rough: no delicacy; no attention to detail. Not really a Christmas goody.

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Grofund Euro	201.60	212.20	+ 6.40	...
Grofund Expt Bal	122.80	127.30	- 4.90	1.22
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AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS Equity & Law Hse, Corpn St, Coventry 0203 553 231				
General Acc	536.60	570.90	- 0.60	2.14
General Inc	483.50	514.30	- 0.60	2.14
UK Growth Acc	366.60	390.00	- 0.80	2.30
UK Growth Inc	256.70	273.10	+ 0.60	2.30
Higher Inc Acc	688.60	732.60	- 1.60	3.24
Higher Inc Inc	411.90	438.20	- 0.90	3.24
Gilts/Fxd Int Acc	196.30	207.30	...	5.49
Gilts/Fxd Int Inc	100.30	105.90	...	5.49
Nth America	256.30	272.60	- 3.70	...
Far East	345.30	367.30	- 5.40	...
Europe	269.50	286.40	+ 5.80	0.65
Brit Exceti	74.20	78.94†	+ 0.54	2.37
Brit Fndmtls Acc	104.40	111.10	- 0.30	4.01
Brit Fndmtls Inc	79.27	84.34	- 0.07	4.03
Global Opps	83.95	89.31†	- 0.37	...
Balanced Acc	55.25	58.78†	- 0.12	2.18
Balanced Inc	54.76	58.26†	- 0.11	2.18
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS 80 Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth 0345 717 373				
High Income				
Gilts & Fixed Int	141.80	150.30†	- 0.60	5.32
High Inc Equity	173.10	184.10	- 2.90	4.27
Worldwide Bond	272.90	289.30†	- 0.90	3.63
Capital Growth				
American Growth	301.90	322.80	+ 0.80	.98
Asian Pacific	393.60	418.70	+ 8.00	.22
Assets & Earnings	268.00	285.10†	- 6.10	3.91
Comdty & Energy	117.50	125.00	- 1.50	.44
1992 Enterprise	93.71	100.30	- 2.19	1.02
Euro Capital Inc	126.70	135.50	+ 3.70	.72
General	237.90	253.00	- 4.90	2.15
Japan	110.80	118.50	- 5.90	...
Mastertrust	140.30	149.90	- 0.90	1.34
UK Growth Dist	130.30	138.50	+ 1.20	2.06
US Emerging Cos	129.00	137.20	- 0.20	...
Income & Growth	405.40	431.20†	- 9.70	3.04
Ethical	72.87	77.52	+ 0.58	2.35
International	113.00	120.20	- 0.60	.42
Dividend & Growth	64.94	69.08	+ 0.90	4.07
Global Gwth & Sec	64.34	68.44	+ 0.02	2.78
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 14 Melville St, Edinburgh EH3 7NS 031 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	1617.0	1689.0	-36.00	...
ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 10 Queens Terrace, Aberdeen AB9 1QJ 0800 833 580				
Aberdeen Portfolio	64.32	65.47	+ 1.15	0.76
Amer Inc & Growth	44.76	47.41	- 0.03	0.66
Cash	50.13	50.13†	+ 0.04	4.91
European	102.80	109.10	+ 3.70	...
European Income	97.66	103.70†	+ 2.20	1.65
Exempt	1038.6	1089.6	+14.50	3.50
Extra Income	54.81	59.68†	+ 1.50	4.41
Far East Emg Eco	124.80	134.70	+ 5.80	0.48
Fixed Interest	24.57	26.23†	- 0.08	7.04
Fund Inv Tst	179.60	191.70	- 8.50	0.88
Japan	178.50	190.20	- 9.50	...
Latin American	70.12	74.60	+ 2.69	0.63
Pacific	77.37	82.86	+ 1.40	0.33
Property Share	73.71	78.69	+ 0.67	1.67
UK Emerging Cos	65.08	69.46	+ 2.60	1.79
UK Growth	47.08	50.69	+ 1.18	2.32
World Growth	77.46	82.68†	+ 1.47	0.66
Ethical	67.35	72.11†	+ 2.10	2.46
Aberdeen Gilt Inc	56.09	56.09†	+ 0.09	7.28
ACUMA FUND MANAGERS LTD 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex 0277 690 336				
UK Equity Income	96.82	103.00	- 1.99	3.25
UK Equity Growth	84.79	90.20	+ 1.74	2.62
European	67.14	71.43	+ 2.00	1.37
Nth American	66.90	71.17†	+ 0.22	1.03
Far Eastern	66.63	71.20†	+ 1.54	0.28
Money	65.04	65.04	+ 0.05	4.37
Fixed Interest	74.40	79.15	...	5.89
Index Linked Gilt	70.30	74.79	+ 0.31	1.35
AEGON UNIT TRUSTS LTD 28 St Andrew Square, Edinburgh EH2 1YF 031 549 3232				
British Growth	70.65	75.16	+ 1.57	2.38
British Income	80.81	85.97	+ 1.60	3.10
Select Portfolio	84.34	89.73	+ 0.57	...
Formerly AEtna				
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD 101 King's Road Brentwood CM14 4DR 0452 305 958				
Amity Income	78.75	83.55	+ 1.25	1.96
Income Builder Inc	70.46	74.96†	+ 0.95	2.72
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon SN1 1EL IFA dlg 0793 610 366 Client dlg 0793 514 514				
Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	252.90	270.30	+ 2.90	2.79
Capital	428.00	458.60	+ 8.20	1.72
Balanced	714.50	763.80†	+11.60	2.24
Accumulator	1305.0	1395.0	-21.00	2.76
Income Trusts				
American Income	49.75	53.18	- 0.30	3.10
High Income	444.80	475.40	+ 4.30	3.34
Equity Income	251.90	269.20	+ 3.90	3.25
High Yield	273.90	292.70†	+ 3.00	3.18
Govt Securities	36.16	38.16	- 0.04	4.80
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	133.00	142.10	- 1.10	0.18
European Growth	33.35	35.43	+ 1.00	0.42
International	156.40	166.90	- 0.30	0.35
Japan	185.60	198.20†	- 6.60	0.01
Pacific	423.00	452.10†	+ 0.20	0.12
Secs of America	426.50	453.80†	+ 3.30	0.60
Wwide Asset Val	46.18	49.36	- 0.05	0.16
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	560.30	598.80†	+ 9.10	2.09
Conv & Gilt	50.50	53.98	+ 1.01	3.72
Smaller Cos	172.20	184.00	+ 3.30	1.18
2nd Smaller Cos	163.60	174.80	+ 3.50	1.17
Recovery	142.70	152.50	+ 2.00	1.91
Met Min & Cdty	152.90	163.40	+ 0.30	0.76
Oseas Earnings	359.10	383.80†	+ 6.50	2.10
Technology	156.50	167.20	- 0.40	0.07
UK Special Sits	461.90	493.60	+ 9.10	1.97
B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD Manor Royal, Crawley RH10 2QP 0293 526 911				
Cntrcid Oat Pens	101.60	105.50	...	1.45
Foundtn Pers Pens	65.88	68.36	...	4.00
BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD 28 St John's Sq, London EC1M 4AE 071 251 6761				
Capital	76.86	81.76	+ 1.69	1.00
International	62.98	66.99	- 1.32	0.50
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD 1 Rutland Court, Edinburgh EH3 8EY 031 222 4242				
America	300.50	320.30†	- 1.80	...
Bond	131.40	138.20	- 0.60	3.70
Brit Smlr Cos	97.95	104.20	+ 2.60	0.98
Conv & Gen	63.94	68.24†	+ 1.30	5.11
Energy	427.50	463.70†	+ 1.90	0.26
Europe	221.00	234.80†	+ 5.00	0.50
Euro Smlr Cos	96.15	102.00	+ 1.50	0.96
Income Gwth	354.40	378.20†	+ 5.80	4.06
Japan	298.50	317.50†	-14.20	...
Pacific	123.80	131.70†	+ 3.20	0.63
UK Smlr Cos	49.10	52.23	+ 0.95	0.93
Japan Fd	688.20	708.00	-25.30	...
Mngd Fd	182.20	193.80	+ 3.60	2.51
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD 36 Queen St, London EC4R 1BN 071 489 8673				
Brit & Oseas	300.70	316.50	+ 5.90	1.12
Capital Gwth	119.50	125.80	+ 0.20	2.14
Wwide Opps	199.00	209.50	+ 2.10	0.46
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD 11 Broadway, Stratford E15 4BJ 081 534 5544				
Balanced Trusts				
Bal Inv Fd Inc	364.90	380.10	+ 6.10	2.43
European Bd Inc	101.70	105.30	+ 0.60	7.05
Exempt	80.10	85.44	- 1.03	3.69
Financial	77.72	83.12†	- 1.29	2.07
500	454.30	484.60	+ 5.70	2.32
General	285.00	304.80†	+ 2.50	2.21
Property	244.70	261.70†	...	5.66
Trustee	194.20	207.70†	+ 3.90	1.84
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.90	100.90	...	4.83
Extra Income	122.40	130.90	+ 1.10	3.91
Gilt & Fxd Int	63.76	65.80†	+ 0.10	7.56
Income	563.40	602.60	+ 6.50	3.82
Income Builder	69.33	73.75	+ 0.67	4.48
Intl Income	68.90	73.30†	+ 0.81	2.83
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	123.60	131.90	+ 1.20	2.28
Leisure	119.90	128.30	+ 2.60	1.33
Recovery	420.80	450.00	+ 3.50	2.35
Smllr Cos Inc	40.66	43.60	+ 0.72	2.02
Special Sits	282.70	302.40	+ 5.30	1.82
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	132.60	140.70†	- 0.80	0.15
Aust Acc	239.20	254.50	+ 2.10	1.48
Aust Inc	149.70	159.30†	+ 1.30	1.48
Euro Gwth Inc	141.40	149.90	+ 5.20	0.42
Japan & Gen Inc	167.40	177.20	- 5.00	...
Japan Spec Sits	72.63	76.94	- 2.71	...
Univ Tech Inc	76.51	81.31	+ 1.74	0.60
Worldwide	174.10	184.90	+ 3.50	0.52
BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ 081 658 9002				
American Growth	99.07	105.10	- 0.50	0.10
Amer Smllr Cos	130.30	139.80	- 1.30	...
Cash Trust	50.31	50.31†	+ 0.04	4.90
Convertibles	59.33	63.45†	+ 0.80	5.60
Eastern	302.00	331.40	+ 7.10	1.60
Equity Income	95.23	101.20	+ 0.80	5.00
European Growth	292.00	310.10	+11.90	1.50
Europe	202.00	215.90†	+10.70	1.50
German Growth	76.38	81.30	+ 1.73	0.70
Global Bond	71.70	75.67	+ 0.55	5.30
Global Growth	128.80	137.60†	+ 1.20	...
Japan Growth	192.70	206.80	- 8.60	...
Japan Sunrise	166.80	178.10	- 5.40	...
Korea Trust	65.89	70.43	- 0.63	...
Portfolio	138.30	147.70	+ 2.20	3.20
UK Growth	94.19	100.30	+ 1.71	2.80
UK Smaller Cos	90.62	99.33	+ 2.61	1.90
Select Managers	77.10	82.33	+ 1.18	2.00
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD 26-34 Old Street, London EC1V 9HL 071 250 3300				
Intl Gwth Port Inc	76.90	81.83	+ 0.62	...
Special Oppor Inc	52.51	55.86	+ 1.55	...
BREWIN DOLPHIN UT MGRS LTD 5 Giltspur St, London EC1A 9DE 071 236 6441				
Special Sits	172.40	184.40	+ 0.40	0.51
Dividend	86.98	93.00	+ 1.41	4.10
Int Gth & Inc	231.50	247.60	+ 1.00	2.65
UK & Gen	47.17	50.45	- 0.82	1.28
Fund of Funds	66.65	71.28	- 0.98	...
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD 50 Bothwell Street, Glasgow G2 6HR 041 223 6028				
Balanced Growth	110.67	118.37	+ 1.31	1.55
Smaller Cos	98.49	105.34	+ 1.66	1.05
Higher Yield	46.40	49.63	- 0.61	3.01
American Gth Inc	68.48	73.24	- 0.09	...
European Growth	126.27	135.05	+ 5.03	0.17
Global Bond Inc	31.64	33.57†	+ 0.13	4.80
Mngd Pfolio Inc	42.62	45.58	+ 0.54	1.06
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL 071 480 7216				
Short Dated Gilt	70.31	71.28	- 0.02	4.89
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD PO Box 105, Manchester M60 0AH 061 837 5060				
Environ	152.10	161.40†	+ 4.00	1.32
UK Growth	173.30	184.40	+ 3.70	1.68
UK Income	143.20	152.40	+ 2.00	3.64
CANADA LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD High St, Potters Bar, Herts EN6 5BA 0707 651 122				
Can Gen Dist	195.20	206.90	+ 2.40	1.75
-do- Income Dist	117.50	124.60	+ 2.10	4.29
Gilt & Fxd Int	46.09	48.85	+ 0.12	5.57

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European Inc	78.28	82.09	+ 2.43	0.72
Far East & Gen	63.27	67.31	+ 2.82	...
Smaller Cos (4-1)	77.49	82.44	- 1.40	1.54
Growth	436.80	465.20	+ 7.50	3.58
Income & Growth	441.10	469.30	+ 0.50	3.20
Master Portfolio	1064.0	1131.6	+112.00	1.92
Special Sits	100.26	106.67	+ 1.86	2.04
High Yield	1410.0	1454.0	-21.00	3.78
CAPITAL HOUSE UNIT TST MGRS Capital House, Festival Square, Edinburgh 031 228 4477 Dealing: 0800 833 561				
American Gwth Tst	36.51	39.04	- 0.85	0.94
Cash Income	50.21	50.21†	- 0.04	5.39
European Gwth	39.47	42.10	+ 1.19	0.83
Income & Gwth Inc	29.60	31.65	+ 0.45	3.91
Intnl Gwth	31.24	33.41	- 0.11	0.77
Japan Gwth	24.34	26.03	- 1.62	...
Managed Tst Inc	51.15	54.70	+ 0.96	0.48
Oriental Opps Inc	169.20	180.90	+ 3.60	0.54
Property Shares	43.63	46.66†	+ 0.09	1.74
Smaller Cos	31.20	33.36	+ 1.77	1.59
UK Growth Tst	26.67	28.52	+ 0.31	2.64
Royal Scottish Assurance				
Cap Hse Global Inc	74.82	80.02	+ 0.62	1.61
Cap Hse UK Inc	71.23	76.18†	+ 1.23	2.25
Exempt	23.50	24.26	...	...
Formerly Brown Shipley				
European Inc	26.22	28.04	+ 0.82	0.38
European Acc	27.19	29.08	+ 0.85	0.38
Financial	153.40	164.00	+ 3.80	2.48
Foundation	89.93	96.18	+ 1.67	2.65
German	52.51	56.16†	+ 1.66	0.02
High Income	80.70	86.31†	+ 0.06	5.91
Income	139.30	148.90	+ 2.10	3.70
Intl Growth	37.65	40.26	- 0.55	0.16
Mngd Pfolio Inc	106.60	114.00	+ 2.30	1.62
Mngd Pfolio Acc	202.80	216.80	+ 4.20	1.62
Monthly Income	81.03	86.66†	- 0.16	3.72
North American	106.20	114.30†	- 2.00	0.16
Orient	144.30	154.30	- 2.10	...
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH 071 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	84.56	90.44	+ 1.60	2.21
American Portfolio	89.70	95.75†	- 0.23	1.00
European Portfolio	91.13	97.22	+ 2.87	1.03
Japanese Portfolio	60.68	64.61	- 3.16	...
Pacific Portfolio	151.91	163.35†	+ 7.10	0.71
UK Inc & Growth	76.57	82.16	+ 1.57	3.75
Utility & Bond	61.30	62.09	- 0.46	5.91
CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD 5 Old Bailey, London EC4M 7BA 071 332 5000				
UK General Tst	69.33	73.75	+ 0.70	2.71
Global Tst	62.85	66.86	+ 0.92	0.20
Recovery Tst	71.39	75.94	+ 0.63	1.74
CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD 151 Farringdon Rd, London EC1R 3AD 071 837 7667				
Intl Growth	142.50	153.89†	+ 3.99	...
UK Growth	108.22	117.33	+ 2.98	1.09
UK Income	109.48	118.96†	+ 1.61	4.09
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1 071 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	92.38	99.34	+ 0.27	1.71
Beck Bio-Tech	38.99	41.48†	- 1.31	...
Acorn Ethical Tst	152.50	160.53†	- 4.08	1.11
City Fin Assets	72.19	75.99	+ 2.10	1.61
City Fin America	80.24	84.46	- 0.37	...
City Fin Intl	76.47	80.49	+ 2.06	0.49
City Fin Japan	153.71	161.80	- 2.77	...
Friars Hse Cap	276.31	290.85	- 8.56	2.33
Friars Hse Inc	210.91	223.10†	+ 4.81	4.79
Buckley Wrld Grth	137.37	146.14	+ 2.10	0.68
Fairmnt Cap Gth	138.15	145.42†	- 2.05	...
-do- Inc & Gth	115.56	121.64†	- 1.25	1.59
Fairmount Intl	158.64	166.99†	+ 2.64	...
City Fin Pflio Inc	62.86	66.87†	+ 0.87	3.33
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD 10 Eastcheap, London EC3M 1AJ 0392 412 144				
Emerging Markets	58.02	61.56	+ 1.15	...
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH 0800 373 393				
American Gwth	56.33	60.73	- 0.20	...
Atlas Mngd Gwth	37.53	40.35	+ 0.38	0.13
Dragon Growth	81.55	87.22	+ 2.95	0.25
Equity High Inc	88.19	93.22†	+ 1.43	3.36
European Gwth	49.11	51.91	+ 1.20	0.73
Evergreen	29.88	31.96	+ 0.13	...
General Equity	87.79	92.80	+ 1.57	2.06
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	28.24	28.68	- 0.06	7.84
Japan Growth	42.69	46.07	- 2.39	...
Pedigree Gwth	51.68	54.83	+ 0.79	1.98
Ped Sml Cos Inc	31.52	33.32	+ 0.67	0.85
Retirement Inc	27.73	29.82	+ 0.49	5.05
Special Sits	37.10	39.68	+ 0.77	1.83
UK & Overseas	50.58	53.47	+ 0.62	0.97
COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD Chatham Maritime, Kent ME4 4YY 0634 898 008				
Capital	67.07	71.73	+ 0.55	2.68
Income	64.63	69.11	+ 0.61	3.60
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PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	171.58	183.53	+ 2.56	4.84
Fixed & Convertible	47.71	50.75	+ 0.08	5.60
Monthly Inc Plus	54.20	57.66	+ 0.38	7.77
Preference Share	53.39	56.80	- 1.07	6.30
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	140.10	149.04	+ 2.16	5.51
Managed Fund	70.05	74.52	+ 0.58	2.71
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	41.80	44.47	+ 2.11	1.85
UK & General	81.01	86.18	+ 1.24	2.51
UK Growth	140.11	149.05	+ 2.25	1.60
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	181.87	193.48	+ 5.16	...
Far Eastern Grth	143.78	152.96	+ 2.19	0.27
Global Bond	88.14	93.66	+ 0.22	5.70
Japan Growth	109.22	116.19	- 3.77	...
North Amer Grth	163.76	174.21	+ 2.11	...
Oriental Growth	90.81	96.61	+ 2.29	...
Worldwide Growth	63.21	67.24	+ 0.30	0.25
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	92.28	92.28	+ 0.06	4.79
Homemaker Fund	79.54	84.62	+ 0.87	1.81
Quilter Fund	142.79	151.90	+ 2.27	1.96
CONFEDERATION FUNDS MGMT LTD Lytton Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 2NN 0438 744 840				
Growth Inc	60.71	64.58	+ 1.20	2.70
High Income	35.70	37.97	+ 0.58	4.20
Japan	31.31	33.30	- 2.25	...
Smaller Cos Inc	30.23	32.26†	+ 0.97	2.40
Smaller Cos	31.56	33.57†	+ 1.01	2.40
North American	31.94	33.97	- 0.13	0.50
European	36.30	38.61	+ 1.20	0.60
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD 1 White Hart Yd, London Bridge SE1 1NX 071 407 5966				
Consistent UT	32.51	34.87	+ 0.80	4.24
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD 1 King St, Manchester M60 3AH 0800 526 358				
Growth	138.50	147.40	+ 2.90	1.98
Income	78.44	83.45	- 1.30	4.10
European	58.92	62.69†	+ 1.85	0.87
Recovery	135.10	143.80	+ 2.20	1.80
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD 78-80 Cornhill, London EC3V 3NJ 071 283 9494				
Equity Dist	825.50	839.40†	- 2.80	3.60
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex 0277 690 370				
Fellowship Tst	72.98	77.64	+ 1.86	1.57
Income	249.40	265.40	+ 4.40	3.17
Smaller Cos	138.20	147.10†	+ 0.10	0.92
Inv Portfolio	80.05	85.17	+ 1.67	1.76
High Income Port	71.20	75.75	+ 0.94	3.36
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD 155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3XS 071 418 0077				
Euro Small Cos	1432.3	1461.9†	+32.00	...
Japan Small Cos	1047.5	1068.4†	-43.60	...
UK Small Cos	1677.7	1750.6	+36.80	...
US Small Cos	1581.1	1625.3†	- 2.20	...
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS 66 Wilson Street, London EC2A 2BL 071 377 8819				
Disc Inc	182.60	192.20†	...	2.96
DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD 25 Ravelston Terrace, Edinburgh 031 315 2500				
European Gwth	347.90	362.40	+ 8.10	1.14
New Asia	238.00	256.50	+10.20	0.31
Japan Growth	111.20	118.10	- 6.10	...
Jap Smllr Co	456.50	484.60	-18.40	...
Nth Amer	242.10	256.60	- 0.30	0.05
Shfrd Asia Pac Mt	135.00	143.10	- 7.00	0.44
UK Inc & Grth	228.40	243.70	+ 4.10	3.32
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	143.70	152.90†	+ 1.70	2.25
UK High Inc Inc	159.80	170.00†	+ 3.60	4.69
UK Prnl & F I Inc	64.93	68.94†	+ 0.26	6.40
Envrnmntl Opps	82.83	88.12	+ 1.91	1.39
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh 0345 090 526				
American	120.40	127.80†	+ 1.70	0.39
Convertibles	24.08	25.59†	+ 0.37	7.62
Equity Income	140.80	149.60†	+ 2.20	3.34
EuroFund	46.01	48.68	+ 1.51	0.82
Financial	51.69	54.98	+ 1.25	2.22
Growth & Inc	248.00	263.90	+ 2.90	2.85
High Dist	166.50	176.90†	+ 3.00	4.26
International	385.40	409.50	+ 7.60	0.24
Intl Income	98.90	105.60	+ 1.00	2.46
Latin American	45.79	48.66	+ 2.57	0.26
Pacific	90.27	95.91	+ 2.90	0.31
Preference Share	26.04	27.67	+ 0.36	5.60
Tokyo	188.00	199.50	-12.20	...
UK Smaller Cos	232.40	246.90	+ 5.20	0.95
ELCON LTD Central Ct, Knoll Rise, Orpington BR6 0JA 0689 70538				
Elcon Trust	215.90	230.60	...	...
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD 41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU 071 373 7246				
Endurance Fd	203.60	216.60	+ 3.90	0.43
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks HP21 7QN 0296 431 480				
European	76.80	80.84	+ 2.09	1.63
Far Eastern	320.95	337.84	+ 2.71	1.27
High Income	139.28	146.61†	+ 1.99	4.20
Intl Growth	118.54	124.78	+ 1.31	1.00
North American	115.62	121.70	+ 0.53	1.01
Pelican	124.28	130.81	+ 2.40	2.83
Smaller Cos	71.85	75.63†	+ 0.87	1.97
Special Sits	90.94	95.73	+ 1.52	1.80
Tst of Inv Tsts	189.40	199.37	+ 6.37	1.94
EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1 071 407 5966				
Smaller Cos Inc	201.23	209.61	+ 3.70	1.72
Smaller Cos Acc	348.36	362.87	+ 6.38	1.72
Recovery	49.54	51.60†	+ 1.39	2.21
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD 23 Cathedral Yard, Exeter EX1 1HB 0392 412 144				
Balanced	121.95	129.53†	+ 0.83	4.83
Capital Growth	83.77	89.84	+ 2.25	...
Fd of Inv Tsts	46.31	49.40	+ 1.30	0.23
High Income	50.49	53.86	- 0.62	8.23
Warrant	61.83	68.30	+ 1.81	...
Zero Preference	37.76	40.07†	+ 0.12	...
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD 16 West Street, Brighton BN1 2RE 0273 229 787				
Family Asset Tst	73.41	78.09	...	2.60
Family Income Tst	51.08	54.33	...	6.00
Family Trust	79.68	84.76	...	1.30
United Charities	248.60	264.40	...	3.50

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ Callfree: Private Clients 0800 414 161 Broker Dealings: 0800 414 181				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00	...	5.00
Stabiliser Growth Range				
Controlled Risk UK	25.23	26.58	+ 0.03	3.09
-do- Europe	24.81	26.14	+ 0.02	4.87
-do- America	25.68	26.86	- 0.20	0.51
-do- Acc Japan	27.71	29.26	- 0.17	0.74
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	32.09	32.37†	+ 0.08	6.15
Intl Bond	33.01	34.39	+ 0.25	4.53
Income Funds				
High Income	28.73	30.23†	+ 0.62	4.71
Income Plus	124.60	132.50†	+ 2.60	3.56
Amer Eq Inc	47.74	50.65	- 0.13	1.30
European Income	43.95	46.31	+ 1.14	2.47
Far East Inc	66.76	71.41†	+ 1.20	2.28
Global Convertible	24.56	26.20†	+ 0.35	2.20
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	73.98	78.92	+ 3.57	...
American	230.00	243.90	+ 1.60	...
Amer Spec Sits	107.80	115.00	+ 0.30	...
Japan Smaller Cos	35.87	38.37	- 1.70	...
European	153.10	162.80	+ 3.90	...
European Opps	57.80	61.48	+ 1.24	...
UK Growth	87.93	93.50	+ 1.08	...
Growth & Inc	159.80	169.70	+ 1.90	2.61
Intl PEP	35.54	37.79	+ 0.47	...
Japan Spec Sits	78.26	83.62	- 4.66	...
Japan	166.70	178.30	-10.40	...
Managed Intl	256.30	273.60	+ 0.20	...
Moneybuilder	50.50	53.87	+ 0.60	...
Recovery	41.56	44.19	+ 0.86	...
South E Asia	172.80	184.40	+ 2.90	...
Special Sits	491.10	522.20	+ 9.10	...
Specialist Funds				
UK Index	116.30	122.40	+ 3.30	3.00
UK Reverse Index	70.83	74.73	- 1.37	5.01
Europe Index	118.50	124.80	+ 2.60	4.43
-do- Reverse Index	67.02	71.21	- 2.30	8.13
America Index	102.20	107.60	- 0.10	0.86
-do- Reverse Index	92.62	97.75	- 2.23	0.98
Japan Index	112.40	118.30	- 9.80	1.08
-do- Reverse Index	104.70	110.50	+ 5.00	1.42
Cash Accum Units	103.84	103.84	+ 0.08	5.00
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD 20 Finsbury St, Lond EC2Y 9AQ 071 814 2780				
Balanced	141.40	144.40	+ 3.50	2.09
Inc Pfolio	92.19	94.08†	+ 1.56	3.39
Cap Pfolio	153.70	156.70	+ 2.90	0.57
General Opps	131.30	133.10	+ 2.50	3.22
Growth Inc	32.65	33.28†	+ 0.57	2.05
Private Portfolio	425.60	432.80	+ 7.50	1.41
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT Admin, PO Box 2001, Brentwood, Essex CM13 1XR Enq: 071 454 1434 Dlg: 0277 261 018				
Hypo Foreign & Colonial				
European	111.60	118.00	+ 2.90	0.33
Far Eastern	166.80	179.20	- 0.30	...
High Income	24.09	25.65†	+ 0.22	10.00
Oseas Income	99.47	106.10†	+ 0.10	2.89
UK Growth	114.90	122.90	+ 3.80	0.76
UK Income	112.20	120.30†	+ 2.00	4.99
US Smaller Cos	280.40	299.90	- 2.60	...
FOSTER & BRAITHWAITE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1 1NX 071 407 5966				
High Inc Eqty	51.58	54.84†	+ 0.49	3.79
-do- Inv Tst Inc	78.60	83.62	+ 2.42	3.71
Intl Growth	71.38	75.94†	+ 0.10	1.19
Investment Trust	90.12	95.87	+ 2.14	0.23
UK Smaller Cos	78.93	83.97	+ 0.71	1.31
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD 155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT 071 374 4100				
American Growth	54.19	57.96	- 0.47	...
(Accum Units)	54.19	57.96	- 0.47	...
Amer Smllr Cos	473.50	506.30	- 4.90	...
(Accum Units)	483.70	517.20	- 5.00	...
Capital Tst	306.90	326.40	+ 7.80	1.31
(Accum Units)	431.90	459.40	+11.00	1.31
Conv Smllr Cos	55.31	59.23	+ 0.91	0.66
(Accum Units)	57.82	61.92	+ 0.85	0.66
Convertible	135.80	144.40	+ 1.90	5.24
(Accum Units)	263.00	279.70	+ 3.60	5.24
Emerging Markets	83.35	89.04†	+ 2.61	...
(Accum Units)	83.41	89.11†	+ 3.59	...
European	115.90	123.30	+ 4.20	0.32
(Accum Units)	120.90	128.50	+ 4.40	0.32
Extra Income	336.70	358.10	+ 4.90	3.38
(Accum Units)	482.20	512.90	+ 7.00	3.38
Financial	125.10	134.30	+ 0.50	0.34
(Accum Units)	131.00	140.60	+ 0.60	0.34
Gilt Trust	73.06	75.33	+ 0.33	5.32
(Accum Units)	96.73	99.73	+ 0.44	5.32
Health Fund Inc	134.20	143.30†	+ 1.30	...
(Accum Units)	134.20	143.30†	+ 1.30	...
Income & Growth	203.30	216.20†	+ 3.80	3.36
(Accum Units)	294.50	313.20†	+ 5.60	3.36
Intl Growth	357.70	382.80	+ 0.20	...
(Accum Units)	397.20	426.30	+ 0.20	...
Japan & Gen	176.30	188.90	- 4.80	...
(Accum Units)	178.10	190.80	- 4.80	...
Managed Port Inc	105.00	110.50	+ 1.60	0.69
(Accum Units)	110.40	116.20	+ 1.70	0.69
Monthly Income	168.80	179.50	+ 2.80	3.56
Quarterly Income	57.17	60.81	+ 0.70	5.08
(Accum Units)	58.47	62.19	+ 0.72	5.08
Recovery	328.50	351.20	+ 0.90	0.21
(Accum Units)	385.90	412.60	+ 1.10	0.21
UK Growth	54.30	57.96	+ 1.11	2.40
(Accum Units)	54.30	57.96	+ 1.11	2.40
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts Dealing: 0722 411 411 Admin: 0722 411 622				
FP Equity Dist	407.12	433.11†	+ 9.24	2.23
-do- Accum	839.85	893.49†	+19.05	2.23
FP Euro Gth Dist	129.67	137.95	+ 3.01	0.67
-do- Accum	134.68	143.28	+ 3.10	0.67
FP Fixed Int Dist	147.54	156.06†	+ 0.65	5.32
-do- Accum	255.55	270.31†	+ 1.09	5.32
FP Intl Gth Dist	90.36	96.13†	+ 0.88	0.61
-do- Accum	93.96	99.96†	+ 0.92	0.61
FP Nth Amer Dist	188.97	200.18	+ 2.53	0.62
-do- Accum	205.94	218.16	+ 2.75	0.62
FP Pac Basin Dist	308.17	327.84	- 0.13	0.01
-do- Accum	314.04	334.09	- 0.14	0.01
Stewardship Dist	343.49	365.42†	+ 6.23	1.67
-do- Accum	412.28	438.60†	+ 7.46	1.67
Stwrdshp Inc Dist	73.81	78.52†	+ 1.49	3.09
-do- Accum	92.51	98.42†	+ 1.87	3.09
N Am Stshp Dist	98.78	105.08	- 1.66	0.41
-do- Accum	104.49	111.16	- 1.75	0.41
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD PO Box 257, York YO1 1LA 0345 581 106/7				
GANDA	247.50	261.70†	+ 4.20	1.81
Cash	49.53	50.27†	+ 0.03	4.36
Growth Portfolio	89.55	94.92	+ 4.60	0.33
Income Portfolio	72.53	76.70†	+ 0.82	3.25
GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD Alban Gate, 14th Floor, 125 London Wall, London EC2Y 5AS 071 710 4567 Dealing: 071 628 9432				
Amer Spec Sits	150.80	161.30	+ 1.40	...
European	300.00	326.70	+17.70	1.34
Far East & Gen	263.70	281.70†	- 4.80	...
Germany	124.90	132.80	+ 3.20	...
Global Assets Inc	81.41	85.98	- 0.07	0.88
Income Inc	150.00	160.50	+ 2.30	4.92
International	330.90	353.90	+ 5.90	0.66
Intl Income	87.04	92.48†	+ 1.44	3.82
Japan & General	393.60	418.70	-15.30	...
Korean Securities	63.87	68.14	- 1.52	0.19
Smllr Cos Div Inc	48.53	51.91	+ 0.89	5.59
UK Capital (Inc)	179.10	191.60	+ 3.60	1.83
UK Spec Sits	87.25	93.32	+ 1.64	0.36
US & General	131.00	139.50	+ 1.60	...
Wwide Spec Sits	157.20	167.30	+ 5.40	0.09
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS Gartmore House, 16-18 Monument St, London EC3R 8AJ 071 782 2000 Digs only: 0277 264 421 Investor Services: Freephone 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	53.03	56.76	+ 1.47	1.87
Cash Trust	131.58	131.58†	+ 0.07	4.46
Practical Inv Inc	118.52	126.76	+ 2.14	3.48
UK Index	154.18	156.91	+ 3.05	2.75
UK Smaller Cos	110.54	118.22	+ 3.23	1.45
Income Funds				
Preference Share	28.38	30.35	+ 0.17	8.34
High Income	36.81	39.37†	+ 0.53	4.42
UK Equity Income	150.31	160.76	+ 2.69	3.32
Global Bond	30.68	31.79†	+ 0.09	4.59
International Funds				
Frontier Markets	63.88	68.32	+ 2.07	...
Global Inc & Gth	137.50	146.51	+ 0.51	1.49
Gold & Intl Res	114.00	121.93	- 0.11	0.57
Global Utilities	137.68	147.11†	+ 1.07	0.67
Overseas Funds				
American	137.30	146.78	+ 0.07	0.50
European	96.16	101.80	+ 2.70	0.88
Euro Sel Opps	122.49	130.06	+ 4.25	0.22
Amer Emerging	96.10	102.78†	- 0.35	...
Hong Kong	182.16	194.82	+ 3.44	0.85
Japan	208.75	222.06	-10.93	...
Pacific Growth	248.58	265.86	+ 6.32	...
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	215.84	215.84	+ 3.52	1.76
Long Term Bal	236.32	236.32	+ 3.33	2.07
Med Term Bal	201.53	201.53	+ 2.75	2.41
UK Equity	240.56	240.56†	+ 3.73	1.41
UK Emerging Cos	135.63	135.63†	+ 2.59	1.98
American	230.31	230.31	+ 0.40	1.27
Japan	118.42	118.42	- 6.84	...
European	246.03	246.03	+ 8.33	1.00
Index Linked Gilt	177.96	177.06†	+ 1.00	2.88
Fixed Interest	172.00	172.00†	+ 0.54	6.02
Amer Emerging	249.27	249.27	- 0.62	...
Pacific	266.59	266.59†	+ 2.91	0.54
Emerging Mkts	192.67	192.67	+ 6.79	...
Index Strat Japan	137.06	137.06	- 3.01	0.26
-do- Pacific Rim	216.55	216.55	+ 7.64	1.23
-do- Cont Europe	144.32	144.32	+ 5.15	1.67
Index Strat USA	130.57	130.57	+ 0.13	2.13
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	102.16	108.68	+ 1.87	...
Med Term Bal	95.91	102.03	+ 1.39	...
Long Term Bal	106.57	113.37	+ 1.60	...
UK Equity	111.11	118.20	+ 1.83	...
UK Emerging Cos	63.68	67.68	+ 1.29	...
American	107.13	113.96	+ 0.19	...
Japan	57.04	60.68	- 3.51	...
European	102.75	109.31	+ 3.19	...
Fixed Interest	86.12	91.61	+ 0.28	...
Index Linked Gilt	78.84	83.88	+ 0.48	...
Deposit	76.32	81.19	+ 0.04	...
Broker Unit Trusts				
Berkeley Intl Grth	125.98	132.61†	+ 1.73	...
Berkeley Income	115.98	122.09†	+ 1.72	3.09
RWH Intl	138.00	145.26†	+ 2.08	0.59
Brtfld Gth Port Inc	61.51	64.93†	+ 0.85	2.50
-do- Inc Port Inc	60.40	63.75	+ 0.84	3.75
-do- Wwide Port	32.41	33.31	...	1.00
Shaw Utilities	60.52	63.87†	+ 0.52	3.33
GLENFRIARS UNIT TST MGRS LTD 22 Suffolk St, London SW1Y 4HS 071 930 7535				
Inv Opportunities	139.30	147.00†	+ 3.90	...
Higher Income	125.70	132.90	+ 3.00	3.08
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT GAM Sterling Management Ltd 12 St James's Place, London SW1 071 493 9990				
& Intl Inc	553.73	589.07	+ 6.46	0.11
European Inc	142.60	151.70	+ 3.16	1.87
Amalgam Inc	144.37	152.84	+ 2.17	0.37
N America Inc	316.04	336.21	+ 5.07	...
Far East Inc	328.03	348.97	- 0.39	0.20
UK Divid Inc	162.57	172.96	+ 7.77	1.32
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 071 378 7979 Dealing 071 407 7888				
UK Equity Inc	92.17	96.68†	+ 0.80	4.03
UK Small Cos	49.54	52.98	+ 1.17	1.10
British Growth	58.07	61.25	+ 0.83	2.14
American Gwth	150.62	161.09	+ 0.24	...
Japan Gwth	74.43	79.57	- 3.61	...
Greater China	209.33	223.88	+ 0.26	0.05
Pacific Strategy	177.31	189.63	+ 0.52	0.15
European Gwth	79.20	84.88	+ 2.86	0.52
Intl Growth	153.60	164.27†	+ 2.35	0.34
US Index (£)	13.638	14.209	- 0.02	1.90
FT-SE Mid 250 Ind	78.00	82.46	+ 1.52	2.15
Monthly Income	47.79	50.80†	+ 0.30	10.00
MIS Unit Trust Dealing: 071 865 0033				
UK Index (£)	12.434	13.092	+ 0.32	4.40
Euro Index (£)	12.890	13.499	+ 0.23	4.50
Japan Index (£)	9.7086	10.159	- 0.49	1.83
US Index (£)	14.354	15.017	- 0.08	1.80
Cash (£)	9.3655	9.6033	- 0.01	5.10
UK Bear (£)	7.0799	7.4033	- 0.17	4.40
European Bear (£)	7.8113	8.1743	- 0.16	4.50
Japan Bear (£)	13.176	13.791	+ 0.27	1.85
US Bear (£)	9.0807	9.4748	- 0.13	1.50
Dollar-Bull (£)	15.600	16.327	- 0.34	1.50
Dollar Bear (£)	7.1121	7.4361	+ 0.05	4.40

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Gilt Bull (£)	12.119	12.667	- 0.01	4.40
Gilt Bear (£)	6.9023	7.2160	- 0.01	4.40
Dollar Cash (£)	10.590	10.603	- 0.09	1.90
Gild UK Index (£)	13.068	13.765	+ 0.90	4.40
GRANVILLE UNIT TST MGMT LTD Mint Hse, 77 Mansell St, London E1 8AF 071 488 1212				
Small Cos	90.93	96.73	+ 4.14	1.31
Bridge Income	281.19	299.14†	+ 5.04	4.90
GUARDIAN ROYAL EX UT MGRS LTD 34 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE 071 538 9646				
Cash	153.70	153.70	...	3.79
European	434.10	463.70†	+14.80	0.12
Gilt & Fixed	141.40	150.10	+ 0.50	4.52
Growth Equity	341.30	364.50†	+ 7.50	1.80
Income Trust	130.60	139.50†	+ 2.00	2.88
International	180.30	192.30	+ 0.90	...
Japan Trust	115.70	123.60	- 4.80	...
Nth American	270.50	288.90	+ 1.30	0.26
Pacific	623.00	664.30	+ 6.70	...
[illegible]	495.00	528.80	+ 9.40	1.94
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD 5 Gainsford Street, London SE1 2NE 071 522 2129				
EMU Trust	116.03	120.48†	+ 2.83	7.66
Global High Inc	119.64	126.21	+ 0.60	7.85
Prem Fixed Int	120.85	125.47	+ 0.82	7.53
Eqty & Bond Inc	108.61	115.48	+ 2.04	4.85
European Growth	94.66	100.65	+ 1.44	0.18
Intl PEP Trust	59.06	62.85	+ 0.50	1.02
High Income	122.58	130.31†	+ 3.39	3.19
Recovery	354.30	376.30†	+ 9.70	1.40
St Vinc High Inc	135.98	138.01	+ 1.37	0.69
Tmp Bst Emer Co	222.70	236.80†	+ 4.40	1.35
Tmp Bt Sm Co In	333.60	338.50	+ 6.00	1.88
HALIFAX STANDARD TST MGT LTD PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH15 1EW 0800 838 868				
Global Advtg Inc	40.49	42.92	+ 0.79	1.26
Income Advtg Inc	34.31	36.37†	+ 0.56	3.29
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 390				
Model Pfolio	207.10	217.60†	+ 1.40	2.33
Smaller Cos	32.61	34.69	+ 0.56	1.59
HENDERSON UNIT TST MGMT LTD PO Box 2157, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4ET Enquiries: 0277 263 290 Dealing: 0277 224 772				
UK Funds				
Special Sits	282.40	302.23	+ 5.55	1.43
Best of British	65.31	69.83†	+ 1.37	2.03
UK Smaller Cos	119.20	127.06	+ 3.68	1.06
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth	277.55	295.59†	+ 5.13	2.90
High Income	330.04	352.81	+ 4.36	3.62
Extra Income	301.34	320.80†	+ 3.98	3.94
Pref & Gilt	50.58	54.37	+ 0.17	7.47
International				
International	265.66	284.06	+ 4.23	0.25
Global Bond	59.58	63.80†	+ 0.49	6.12
Family of Funds	81.13	86.69	+ 1.35	0.30
Global Tech	141.91	151.77†	- 0.45	...
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	196.57	210.20	+ 4.38	...
European	450.18	477.04	+13.27	0.28
European Income	83.76	88.65	+ 2.32	2.20
Euro Smlr Cos	139.05	148.23	+ 2.66	0.28
Eur Sp Sits	58.46	62.20	+ 1.42	0.18
Japan Trust	194.40	207.07	-11.62	...
Japan Special Sits	223.90	237.97	- 9.87	...
Pacific Smlr Cos	280.20	298.07	+ 9.28	0.06
North American	235.34	250.76	+ 2.54	...
American Smaller	104.89	112.12	- 0.01	...
Henderson TR Pension Portfolio				
American Growth	55.73	59.07	...	...
Eur Sp Sits	50.18	53.19	+ 1.32	...
General Growth	43.30	45.89	+ 0.86	...
Global Tech	55.54	58.87	- 0.17	...
Income Growth	41.76	44.78	+ 0.79	...
Japan Growth	23.77	25.19	- 1.41	...
Overseas Growth	38.77	41.09	+ 0.57	...
Smaller Cos	20.79	22.03	+ 0.62	...
Special Opps	27.39	29.03	+ 0.84	...
Sterling Liquidity	...	...	...	...
Wwide Sp Sits	48.41	51.31	+ 0.72	...
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
British	102.70	109.80	+ 1.80	1.79
Capital	178.20	190.50	+ 2.70	1.59
Dollar	332.60	355.70	+ 0.10	0.01
European	236.70	253.10	+ 9.70	0.43
Far East	347.40	371.50†	+ 8.40	0.22
Financial	869.30	929.70	+22.40	1.30
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	28.37	30.51	+ 0.28	6.76
High Yield	115.80	123.80†	+ 1.90	3.96
Income & Growth	156.80	167.60	+ 2.80	2.90
International	243.30	260.20	+ 2.20	0.06
Japanese General	174.20	186.30†	-10.90	...
Japan Tech	65.03	69.53	- 3.56	...
Nat Resources	71.94	76.94	+ 0.91	0.46
Portfolio	75.59	80.84	+ 1.40	1.72
Security	340.60	364.20	+ 6.40	1.77
Smaller Cos	125.70	134.40	+ 3.50	1.31
Special Sits	156.00	166.80	+ 3.30	1.32
UK Emerging Cos	82.25	87.96	+ 0.15	0.31
US Smaller Cos	71.46	76.42	- 2.52	...
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU Dlg: 071 955 5055 Enq: 0800 181 890				
James Capel Unit Trusts Dlg: 071 955 5055 Enq: 0800 181 890				
Index Funds				
American Index	201.50	214.70	+ 0.10	1.19
Eurotrack 100	156.70	166.30	+ 4.30	0.94
Footsie Fund	56.48	59.73	+ 1.13	2.26
Japan Index	71.67	76.41	- 4.61	0.14
Tiger Index	227.50	242.80	+ 9.10	0.40
Trisix Index	115.10	122.80	+ 2.60	1.78
UK Index	149.90	155.70	+ 3.00	2.55
Active Funds				
American Growth	467.00	498.40	- 0.80	0.16
Capital	620.20	661.90	+14.00	2.08
European Growth	104.00	110.60†	+ 3.70	0.29
Far East Growth	59.73	63.75†	+ 0.58	...
Global Bond	24.90	26.26	+ 0.28	5.40
Hong Kong Growth	133.70	142.70	+ 4.60	0.47
Income	594.70	636.80	+ 9.40	3.50
Intl Growth	77.54	82.39	- 0.70	0.10
Japan Growth	249.60	266.40	-14.90	...
Japan Smllr Cos	32.01	34.08	- 1.90	...
Spore & Mlysn Gth	87.05	92.90	+ 2.87	...
Midland Unit Trusts Dealing 0742 520200 Enquiries 0742 529076				
Balanced	62.14	66.46	+ 0.57	2.51
(Accum Units)	63.89	68.33	+ 0.59	2.51
British Tst	88.93	95.11	+ 1.62	1.78
(Accum Units)	100.70	107.60	+ 1.80	1.78
Extra High Inc	77.45	82.83	+ 0.17	5.44
(Accum Units)	140.10	149.80	+ 0.30	5.44
Gilt & Fxd Int	61.12	63.62†	+ 0.29	6.07
(Accum Units)	167.50	174.30†	+ 0.80	6.07
High Yield	248.10	265.30	+ 3.50	4.37
(Accum Units)	595.50	636.80	+ 8.40	4.37
Income	321.30	343.50	+ 7.00	2.50
(Accum Units)	679.00	726.20	+14.80	2.50
Japan Growth	313.10	334.90	-19.60	...
(Accum Units)	330.40	353.30	-20.80	...
Mandarin Tst	138.80	148.40	+ 2.60	0.59
(Accum Units)	145.20	155.20	+ 3.00	0.59
Money Market UT	49.44	49.44	+ 0.04	4.62
(Accum Units)	74.29	74.29	+ 0.06	4.62
North American	180.00	192.50†	- 0.80	0.43
(Accum Units)	227.50	243.30†	- 0.90	0.43
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	103.90	110.50	+ 1.80	1.78
European Growth	100.30	106.70	+ 4.00	0.02
Gilt & Fixed	89.84	96.33	+ 0.32	5.82
Income	90.31	96.29	+ 1.95	2.74
Japan Growth	46.85	49.84	- 2.91	...
Managed	68.84	73.23	+ 0.65	2.40
Money Market	82.39	87.34	+ 0.09	4.60
North American	87.12	92.68	+ 0.50	0.48
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	94.47	100.50	+ 1.75	1.76
European Growth	94.38	100.40	+ 3.72	0.01
Gilt & Fixed Int	85.63	90.86	+ 0.31	5.79
Income	88.95	94.63	+ 1.91	2.71
Japan Growth	46.79	49.78	- 2.88	...
Managed	65.87	70.07	+ 0.63	2.37
Money Market	76.16	80.73	+ 0.07	4.55
North American	79.39	84.46	- 0.44	0.58
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	94.75	100.80	+ 1.66	1.74
European Growth	92.13	98.01	+ 3.63	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	79.51	84.37	+ 0.27	5.85
Income	88.51	94.16	+ 1.90	2.71
Japan Growth	47.89	50.95	- 2.95	...
Managed	69.25	73.67	+ 0.66	2.35
Money Market	71.66	75.96	+ 0.06	4.58
North American	88.02	93.64	+ 0.49	0.45
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD 11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR 071 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Investment Tst	74.13	78.76†	+ 2.47	0.54
Smaller Cos	29.44	31.47	+ 1.35	1.60
Special Features	32.75	34.79	+ 0.75	1.44
(Accum Units)	39.03	41.46	+ 0.89	1.44
General Funds				
Assets & Earnings	81.72	86.82	+ 1.87	1.82
Accum Units	97.53	103.60	+ 2.30	1.82
General Equities	78.13	83.01	+ 1.12	2.56
Great British Cos	54.68	58.48	+ 1.03	1.85
Managed Invest	99.62	105.30	+ 0.40	1.00
PEP Managed	73.12	78.08†	+ 1.17	2.00
Expert Child Tst	87.27	93.13	+ 1.82	1.28
UK Growth	62.71	67.11†	+ 1.41	1.70
High Income Funds				
Cashbox (Dist)	50.65	50.65	+ 0.03	4.07
Cashbox (Acc)	57.11	57.11	+ 0.03	4.07
Extra Income	93.91	100.40	+ 1.30	4.33
Gilt	30.64	32.28†	+ 0.09	5.71
Income & Growth	44.44	47.49	+ 0.69	3.19
Minmax Gilt & FI	82.91	84.77	+ 0.25	7.09
Preference Shares	19.43	20.64†	+ 0.18	6.77
UK Income	365.50	390.30	+ 6.10	2.85
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fin Securities	70.97	75.40†	+ 1.43	0.77
Property Shares	84.61	90.97	+ 2.52	1.26
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	50.66	53.84	- 0.13	0.85
US Smaller Cos	115.30	122.70	- 2.00	...
(Accum Units)	116.80	124.10	- 2.00	...
Europe Perf	140.70	149.00	+ 4.40	...
(Accum Units)	145.50	154.10	+ 4.60	...
Euro Smaller Cos	26.41	28.05	+ 0.92	...
French Growth	79.11	83.85	+ 2.46	0.01
Accum Units	84.51	89.58	+ 2.63	0.01
H Kong & China	108.70	115.40	+ 0.20	0.40
Intl Growth	56.50	60.08	- 0.05	0.25
Accum Units	56.78	60.32	- 0.05	0.25
Japan Perf	30.21	32.06	- 2.09	...
Accum Units	30.21	32.06	- 2.09	...
Japan Smaller Cos	35.85	38.07	- 1.73	...
Singapore ASEAN	126.20	134.00	+ 1.20	...
Accum Units	127.00	134.90	+ 3.10	...
SE Asia	356.90	379.20	+ 8.30	0.03
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Income	94.11	100.30†	+ 0.38	2.02
Intl Bond	80.34	81.33	+ 0.34	5.22
JUPITER MERLIN UT MGRS LTD 197 Knightsbridge, London SW7 1RB 071 581 3020				
American Cap	175.40	186.70	- 1.40	...
Income	147.79	157.22	+ 1.40	4.04
Res & General	151.50	161.10	- 0.50	...
UK Growth	52.97	56.35	+ 0.96	1.71
International	83.69	89.03	+ 1.06	0.93
Ecology	83.02	88.32	+ 1.16	0.59
European	111.52	118.29	+ 3.39	...
Far Eastern	382.80	407.20	+ 6.40	...
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS 10 Fenchurch Street London EC3 Dealers: 071 956 7354 Admin: 071 956 6600				
Income Trusts				
Extra Income	60.12	63.96†	+ 1.51	6.10
(Accum Units)	83.22	89.08	+ 2.10	6.10
Gilt Yield	129.00	136.00†	+ 0.30	6.52
(Accum Units)	376.80	397.70	- 0.90	6.52
Global Income	237.30	252.40†	+ 2.70	2.42
(Accum Units)	323.80	337.20	+ 6.10	3.42
High Yield	156.10	166.10	+ 1.10	5.13
(Accum Units)	444.90	473.30	+ 2.00	5.13
Smllr Cos Div	56.08	59.66†	+ 0.98	3.31
(Accum Units)	70.06	74.55	+ 1.30	3.31
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	94.75	100.80	- 0.50	...
(Accum Units)	98.04	104.30	- 0.50	...
North American	77.64	82.60	+ 0.32	0.30
(Accum Units)	95.13	101.20†	+ 0.30	0.30
European Special	88.98	94.66	+ 2.11	1.32

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(Accum Units)	93.35	99.31	+ 2.21	1.32
European	151.70	161.40†	+ 4.60	1.22
(Accum Units)	198.50	211.20	+ 5.90	1.22
General	299.60	318.70	+ 5.40	2.80
(Accum Units)	492.10	523.50	+ 8.80	2.80
Japan	382.50	406.90	-24.00	...
(Accum Units)	386.70	411.40	-24.40	...
Japanese Special	219.70	233.70	- 8.60	...
(Accum Units)	220.70	234.80	- 6.70	...
Master Accum	248.30	264.10	+ 2.70	0.81
Pacific	347.20	369.40	- 1.10	0.40
(Accum Units)	407.20	433.20	- 1.40	0.40
Smaller Cos	109.70	116.70†	+ 2.50	1.00
(Accum Units)	148.70	158.20	+ 3.50	1.00
UK Equity Growth	42.09	45.73	+ 2.22	1.53
(Accum Units)	80.00	85.11	+ 4.15	1.53
KNIGHT WILLIAMS PRTFOL MGRS 161 New Bond Street, London W1Y 9LA 071 629 1483				
High Income (Inc)	57.91	61.60	+ 0.51	4.40
Global Growth PEP	60.81	64.67	+ 0.67	...
Inv Trust PEP	50.28	53.48	+ 0.79	...
Higher Risk Invest	55.66	59.21	+ 1.13	...
LAS UNIT TST MGRS LTD 10 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 6EB 031 556 5151				
European	89.12	94.41	+ 2.61	0.77
Extra Income	27.27	29.01	+ 0.44	3.35
Far East	31.84	33.87	+ 0.43	0.26
Income & Gwth	82.57	87.84	+ 1.28	2.47
Intl Growth	58.65	62.61	+ 0.17	0.53
Japan	60.17	64.01	- 3.71	...
Maximum Dist	101.30	103.30	+ 0.70	6.97
Nth Amer Equity	40.67	43.27	+ 0.15	0.19
UK Equity	98.51	104.80	+ 1.80	2.20
L & C UNIT TST MGMT LTD Broadwalk Hse, 5 Appold St EC2A 2DA 071 588 2800				
Income	653.00	665.30	+10.70	4.87
Intl & General	434.20	443.10	+12.00	0.55
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT 1 White Hart Yard SE1 071 407 5966				
Inc & Growth Inc	60.19	64.01	+ 1.02	3.90
Smaller Cos	51.74	54.75	+ 1.40	0.91
LAURENTIAN UNIT TST MGMT LTD Laurentian Hse, Barnwood, Gloucester GL4 7RZ Enq: 0452 371 500 Dlg: 0452 371 623				
Growth Trust	258.10	274.60†	+ 4.20	1.76
High Income	117.40	124.90	+ 1.30	3.61
International	93.16	99.11	+ 1.30	0.22
Recovery Trust	63.25	67.29†	+ 1.34	1.38
European Trust	78.81	83.84	+ 1.68	1.06
Japanese Trust	39.99	42.54	- 3.01	...
American Trust	79.02	84.06	+ 1.74	...
Managed	67.01	71.31	+ 0.43	0.54
Cash	51.40	51.40	+ 0.04	4.56
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD 21 Moorfields, London EC2P 2HT 071 374 0936				
UK Cap	370.40	376.20	+ 8.40	2.60
UK Inc/Gth	407.90	414.10	+ 8.90	3.02
UK Income	288.20	292.60†	+ 4.30	3.44
UK Sm Cos	237.80	246.60	+ 5.50	1.63
Euro Gwth	118.70	119.70	+ 4.80	0.32
N Amer Gwth	79.48	80.38	+ 0.15	0.11
Jap & Pac Gth	81.45	82.45	- 0.06	...
Money Mkt	116.75	116.75	...	2.960
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 395				
Equity Dist	496.20	527.90	+10.60	2.29
Equity Income	107.50	114.40	+ 1.50	3.24
UK Tactical Allocn	60.40	64.14†	+ 1.02	3.23
European	113.50	120.70	+ 3.00	0.90
Far Eastern	237.90	253.10	- 0.50	...
Fixed Interest	59.30	62.99†	+ 0.87	5.79
Gilt	102.00	108.10	+ 0.50	5.36
Global Growth	78.52	83.53†	+ 0.08	0.42
Intl Bond	57.74	61.34	- 0.19	4.43
Japanese	66.34	70.57†	- 3.94	...
North American	150.70	160.30	...	0.36
Pacific Growth	135.00	143.60	+ 2.20	0.20
UK Index	65.81	69.46	+ 1.43	2.74
UK Recovery	92.99	98.93	+ 1.80	1.73
UK Smaller Cos	118.00	125.50†	+ 1.10	1.21
US Index	59.67	62.98†	+ 0.03	1.73
European Index	72.47	76.49	+ 1.95	1.43
Japan Index	37.22	39.28	- 2.56	...
Worldwide	85.93	91.42†	+ 0.71	1.39
LINCOLN NATIONAL 1 Olympic Way, Wembley HA9 0NB 081 902 8876 Dealing: 0800 282 621				
Growth	51.18	54.74	+ 0.97	3.05
Income	62.96	67.34	+ 0.91	3.49
Far East	56.51	60.44	- 0.97	...
North American	96.81	103.50	+ 0.60	...
Global	99.76	106.70	+ 0.80	0.65
European	86.57	92.59	+ 2.74	0.84
Japan	101.90	109.00	- 6.20	...
Intl Currency Bd	60.88	64.57	+ 0.22	5.89
SE Asia	134.40	143.70	+ 2.80	0.67
UK Capital Growth	95.46	102.10	+ 2.23	1.83
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD PO Box 63, Chatham, Kent ME4 4YB Helpdesk: 0634 834 339 Dealing: 0634 834 343				
Balanced	361.70	385.10	+ 7.10	2.36
-do- Acc	803.40	854.70	+15.70	2.36
Contl Euro Gth	61.33	64.56	+ 2.20	0.68
-do- Acc	65.31	68.77	+ 2.34	0.68
Extra Inc	272.00	289.40†	+ 7.60	3.37
-do- Acc	682.00	725.60	+19.30	3.37
German Gth	124.60	131.20	+ 2.90	...
-do- Acc	130.70	137.60	+ 3.10	...
Growth Port	556.80	592.40	- 9.90	0.08
-do- Acc	561.60	597.50	+10.00	0.08
Income	512.00	544.70	+ 6.90	3.16
-do- Acc	1335.0	1421.0	+18.00	3.16
Income Port	536.80	571.10	+ 4.60	3.71
-do- Acc	550.70	585.90	+ 4.70	3.71
Japan Growth	92.74	98.66	- 4.64	...
-do- Acc	93.07	99.02	- 4.68	...
Master Trust	60.19	64.04	+ 0.87	0.93
-do- Acc	66.27	70.50	+ 0.95	0.93
N American Gen	194.20	206.60	- 0.70	...
-do- Acc	224.30	238.70	- 0.60	...
NAm Sm Co Rec	143.40	152.60	- 0.30	...
-do- Acc	146.30	155.70	- 0.30	...
Pacific Basin	315.80	336.00	+ 9.80	0.23
-do- Acc	333.70	355.00	+10.30	0.23
Small Cos Rec	338.00	359.80	+ 6.50	2.18
-do- Acc	444.00	467.40	+ 8.50	2.18
UK Growth	90.34	96.11	+ 1.82	1.84
-do- Acc	106.40	113.20	+ 2.10	1.84
Worldwide Gth	330.80	352.00	+ 3.70	0.27
-do- Acc	488.00	519.20	+ 5.40	0.27
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 282 673				
American	64.96	69.70†	+ 0.23	0.30
General	89.99	96.56†	+ 1.26	2.40
Income	70.63	75.78	+ 0.58	4.70
International	64.42	69.12	+ 0.48	0.70
Japan	50.37	54.04	- 1.63	...
TR of Inv Trusts	71.46	76.67	+ 1.95	1.60
M & G SECURITIES M & G House, Victoria Road, Chelmsford CM1 1FB Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg 0245 390 390				
Amer & General	408.90	432.40	+ 0.90	0.71
Amer Recovery	440.90	466.30	- 3.00	0.33
Amer Smllr Cos	126.60	133.90	- 0.60	...
Australasian	159.50	168.70	+ 3.00	1.20
Capital	797.10	842.90	+17.70	2.04
Charifund	751.70	799.30	+11.50	4.81
Commodity	360.50	381.20	+ 5.00	0.47
Compound Grth	939.90	993.90	-19.90	2.29
Dividend	41.80	44.20†	+ 0.70	3.86
Equity Income	339.90	359.40	+ 5.80	4.81
Euro & General	494.00	511.80†	+18.00	0.58
Euro Dividend	70.70	74.80	+ 2.30	3.42
Extra Yield	446.00	472.60	+ 6.60	4.00
Far Eastern	400.20	423.20	+ 0.50	0.23
Fund of Inv Tsts	651.60	689.10†	+21.00	1.62
General	63.20	66.80†	+ 0.80	3.53
Gilt Income	70.63	70.74†	+ 0.33	6.26
Gold	70.60	74.70	...	0.42
High Income	29.60	31.30†	+ 0.40	4.26
Intl Growth	78.20	82.70	+ 0.40	0.69
International Inc	105.60	111.70	+ 2.30	4.08
Japan & Gen	42.60	45.00†	- 2.40	...
Japan Smllr Cos	143.00	151.20	- 5.10	...
Managed Income	29.00	30.50†	+ 0.40	3.66
Midland	61.50	65.00	+ 1.60	2.77
Pension Ex	976.80	1001.3	+21.60	3.65
Recovery	41.40	43.80†	+ 0.80	2.20
Second General	71.10	75.20†	+ 1.10	3.26
Smaller Cos	67.00	70.80	+ 1.20	2.78
Treasury	24.98	25.01†	- 0.06	5.01
Trustee	43.90	46.40	+ 0.60	3.96
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD MGM House, Heene Rd, Worthing Dealing: 0277 261 010 Enq: 0903 204 631				
European Growth	78.65	83.66	+ 2.63	0.13
High Income	312.90	332.80	+ 3.20	3.97
Intl Bond	69.96	73.58†	+ 0.17	4.59
Intl Equity Growth	69.20	73.61†	+ 0.60	0.98
N Amer Growth	96.04	102.16	+ 0.06	0.70
Special Sits Growth	21.58	22.95	+ 0.34	1.82
UK Growth	388.60	413.40	+ 5.40	2.38
MW INVESTMENT MANAGERS LTD 46 Court St, Haddington, E Lothian 062 082 5867				
Joint Investors	1329.1	1358.4†	+16.00	2.30
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD c/o Baillie Gifford 1 Rutland Ct EH3 8EY 031 222 4242				
Maldon General	144.40	148.00†	+ 3.80	3.87
MANULIFE MANAGEMENT LTD St George's Way, Stevenage Dealings: 0438 747 414				
Growth Units	200.30	214.20	+ 4.80	2.05
Gilt & Fxd Int	196.50	206.70	+ 2.10	6.22
Intl Growth	205.50	220.40	- 0.90	0.18
North American	178.50	191.50	+ 0.40	0.24
Far East	301.40	322.40	+17.20	0.24
UK Smaller Cos	160.60	171.80	+ 5.90	1.61
European	78.98	84.50	+ 2.94	0.24
Japanese Growth	40.94	43.62	- 2.35	...
Managed Pfolio	69.66	74.63	+ 0.44	1.37
High Income	201.60	215.60	+ 2.00	3.78
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD PO Box 410, Chester X CH99 9QG 0244 688 866				
M & S Inv Pfolio	155.40	166.30	- 0.70	1.86
-do- Accum	174.30	186.40	- 0.80	1.86
UK Sel Pfolio	133.30	142.80†	+ 2.30	2.03
-do- Accum	152.30	162.80†	+ 2.70	2.03
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD 57 Victoria Square, Bolton BL1 1LA 0204 364 842				
Managed Tst	70.69	75.20	...	3.14
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD Saltire Ct, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh 031 479 4646				
Intl Income	78.19	83.00†	+ 1.12	3.88
European	82.64	87.73	+ 2.46	0.63
Income & Growth	81.81	86.85†	+ 1.02	2.88
Nth American	59.10	62.74	- 0.51	0.07
Far East	174.10	184.80	+ 0.50	...
Charities	125.30	133.00†	+ 2.30	3.66
Japan	50.56	53.67	- 2.83	...
Emging Mkts	124.30	132.90	+ 3.50	0.13
Intl Growth	110.10	116.90	- 0.90	0.16
UK Growth	86.04	91.34†	+ 2.49	1.72
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD 33 King William St EC4R 9AS Dealing: 071 280 2860				
American	200.10	212.80†	- 0.60	...
(Accum Units)	213.80	227.50†	- 0.60	...
American Opps	87.76	93.61	+ 3.32	...
(Accum Units)	88.67	94.70	+ 3.77	...
British Blue Chip	83.86	89.38	+ 1.98	2.82
(Accum Units)	100.90	107.50	+ 2.40	2.82
Cash	100.80	100.80	+ 0.10	5.29
(Accum Units)	132.30	132.30	+ 0.10	5.29
Emerging Mkts	130.90	140.70	+ 4.00	...
European Growth	239.90	254.10	+ 7.70	0.63
(Accum Units)	258.20	273.60	+ 8.40	0.63
European Income	84.62	89.52†	+ 1.82	2.72
(Accum Units)	110.80	117.20†	+ 2.40	2.72
General	537.70	573.50	+11.30	2.11
(Accum Units)	1028	1097	+21.00	2.11
Global Bond	133.60	142.30	- 0.10	5.59
(Accum Units)	156.20	164.30	+ 0.20	5.59
Gold & General	184.70	198.60	- 0.30	0.47
(Accum Units)	188.80	202.00	- 1.40	0.47
Govt Securities	103.50	106.70†	- 0.70	6.67
(Accum Units)	191.70	197.60†	+ 1.10	6.67
Income	164.50	175.30†	+ 3.10	3.89
(Accum Units)	246.30	262.10†	+ 4.70	3.89
International	438.90	467.50†	+ 1.70	0.60
(Accum Units)	585.60	624.90†	+ 2.40	0.60
Japan	172.60	183.10	- 9.10	...
(Accum Units)	177.20	188.00	- 9.40	...

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
New Europe	171.90	183.40	+ 5.10	1.41
(Accum Units)	174.60	186.30	+ 5.21	1.41
Pacific	145.35	158.25	+ 2.80	0.53
(Accum Units)	157.70	168.30	+ 3.00	0.53
Recovery	322.60	344.30	+ 4.70	2.61
(Accum Units)	409.30	436.60	+ 5.90	2.61
UK Smaller Cos	58.06	61.93	+ 1.29	1.76
(Accum Units)	65.20	69.55	+ 1.44	1.76
Portfolio	84.96	92.41	+ 1.65	2.51
(Accum Units)	97.51	103.70	+ 1.90	2.51
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD 3 Darkes Lane, Potters Bar EN6 1AJ 0707 662 233				
Eurogrowth Plus	113.25	120.48	+ 3.50	0.85
Intl Strategy	64.48	68.60†	+ 0.56	0.67
UK Income Inc	83.10	88.40	+ 1.47	5.51
MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1 071 407 5966				
International (US$)	12.54	13.59	+ 0.26	...
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD 20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT Dealers: 071 826 0826 Enquiries: 071 826 0825				
American Gwth	299.30	316.20	- 1.90	...
European Gth Inc	355.70	378.70†	+ 8.20	...
Intl Gwth	192.00	205.50†	+ 1.60	...
UK Equity Inc	178.20	191.50	+ 3.90	3.50
UK Ind Trckr Inc	167.30	179.10	+ 3.40	2.71
US Eq Ind Trk Inc	198.60	210.90	- 0.10	1.57
Japan Tracker	68.34	72.39†	- 4.72	...
Asian Trader	209.00	220.60†	+ 5.30	0.35
Managed Inc	146.90	157.80	+ 0.90	1.62
Deposit Inc	100.90	100.90†	+ 0.08	2.93
Europa	157.80	168.60	+ 2.90	...
Genesis	147.10	161.00†	+ 3.00	...
High Income	24.60	26.17	+ 0.34	10.00
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT 7 West Nile St, Glasgow G1 2PX 0345 090 933				
Acumen	98.39	101.10	+ 1.63	2.14
Acumen Inc	95.09	97.25	+ 1.48	2.14
Acumen Reserve	90.82	91.99	+ 0.41	6.62
-do- Inc	83.96	84.81	+ 0.38	6.42
American Income	175.30	180.10	+ 0.80	1.40
Cash Income	49.81	50.32	+ 0.04	5.06
Equity Income	105.40	108.40†	+ 1.90	4.21
European	72.46	73.73	+ 2.45	1.13
Smaller Cos	75.61	78.91†	+ 1.78	1.13
Olympiad	67.62	69.72	+ 1.02	0.12
Global Bond	50.36	50.92†	+ 0.26	5.78
UK Growth	94.38	97.19	+ 1.92	1.58
Pacific Growth	129.10	133.60	+ 2.70	...
Japan Growth	89.48	91.13	- 4.70	...
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 088				
Avon Equity	126.78	134.87	+ 2.27	2.67
NM UNIT TRUST MGRS Enterprise Hse, Isambard Brunel Rd, Portsmouth Enq: 0705 882 695 Dlg: 0705 882 688				
NM Managed Portfolio Service				
Cap Gth Unt Inc	109.60	116.50	+ 1.70	1.74
Open Cap Gth Inc	111.30	118.40	+ 1.80	1.94
NM Unit Trusts				
American	44.62	47.59†	+ 0.05	1.15
Australian	322.40	345.93	+ 0.90	...
Conscience	70.37	75.10†	+ 2.19	1.22
European	199.50	212.00	+ 5.70	0.74
Extra Income	82.49	88.03†	+ 1.07	5.04
Gilt & FI	64.34	69.90	+ 0.31	5.61
Gold	58.06	62.43	+ 0.54	...
Income	59.65	63.62†	+ 0.98	4.44
Intnl	33.22	35.52†	+ 0.10	0.60
Jap Smaller Cos	305.50	325.80	-12.80	...
Sing & Malaysian	288.90	309.80	+ 9.20	...
Smaller Cos	28.97	31.15	+ 0.47	0.68
Special Sits	37.65	40.48	+ 1.03	1.73
Sterling Deposit	100.00	100.00	+ 0.10	4.75
Tokyo	74.96	79.95	- 5.11	...
UK Equity	184.90	197.20	+ 3.50	2.12
US Smaller Cos	107.90	115.40	- 0.30	...
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF 061 237 5322				
UK Growth	76.97	81.89	+ 1.21	2.21
UK Income	116.50	124.00†	+ 1.80	3.27
Gilt & Fixed Int	84.00	88.89	+ 0.84	5.54
Higher Income	225.90	240.40†	+ 3.80	4.20
Smaller Cos	80.22	85.35	+ 1.44	1.45
International	101.52	108.01	+ 1.72	1.70
NATIONAL PROV INV MGRS LTD 48 Gracechurch St EC3P 3HH 071 623 4200				
Americas Dist	108.30	115.80†	+ 1.30	...
European Dist	102.13	109.23†	+ 2.54	...
Far East Dist	178.20	190.60	- 1.30	...
Global Curr Dist	71.13	76.08	+ 1.87	1.97
Oseas Dist	997.60	1067.0	+ 1.30	0.30
UK Dist	358.50	383.40†	+ 4.50	2.33
UK Extra Inc Dist	78.61	84.07	+ 0.86	3.78
Wwide Dist	101.97	109.05	- 0.57	...
Wwide Inc Dist	69.74	74.59	+ 0.79	2.13
NATIONAL WESTMINSTER UT MGRS 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Dlg: 0277 690 380 Admin Enq: 0277 690 398				
Europe Inc	59.36	62.65	+ 1.63	0.42
Fund of Funds Inc	57.82	61.02	+ 0.73	0.62
North America Inc	50.19	52.97	+ 0.26	0.28
UK Equity Grth Inc	60.30	63.64†	+ 1.54	1.73
UK General Inc	59.95	63.27	+ 1.23	1.99
UK Gilt/Fix Int Inc	53.79	56.64	+ 0.19	5.95
UK Income Inc	61.24	64.63†	+ 1.07	2.46
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD 71 Queen Victoria St, London EC4V 4DR Dealer: 0500 440 000 Private client: 0500 550 000 Broker: 0500 660 000				
Income	236.77	251.89	+ 3.99	3.50
Global	340.12	361.83	+ 2.47	2.86
General	192.12	204.39	+ 2.93	1.50
Bond	134.20	142.50†	+ 0.89	7.30
Growth	126.32	134.39	+ 2.52	1.72
Intrepid	119.42	124.40	+ 4.93	1.70
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS PO Box 124, Surrey Street, Norwich 0603 682 234				
Master Trust	125.51	133.52	+ 1.94	1.23
UK Equity	146.65	156.01	+ 2.54	3.37
UK Equity Income	140.35	149.31†	+ 2.35	3.27
UK Smaller Cos	120.22	127.89	+ 2.65	2.07
UK Equity Growth	134.91	143.52	+ 2.69	2.07
Intl Index Trckg	147.04	156.43	+ 3.82	3.04
UK Index Trckg	139.36	148.26	- 1.48	1.07
International	233.98	248.91	+ 2.25	0.59
European	178.84	190.26	+ 6.69	0.31
Pan European	129.08	137.32†	+ 3.90	1.64
Nth American	161.05	171.34†	+ 0.34	0.95
N Amer Smllr Cos	176.19	187.44	+ 0.45	...
Japanese	84.18	89.55†	- 1.49	...
Pacific	253.13	269.29†	+ 4.25	0.06
South East Asian	293.60	312.34	+10.49	0.13
Intl Bond	140.36	149.32	+ 1.11	5.12
Gilt & Convertible	116.57	124.01†	+ 0.28	8.06
Property	80.55	85.69†	+ 2.77	6.23
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD Pearl Centre, Lynch Wd, Peterborough PE2 6FY Dlg: 0800 626 517 Enq: 0733 470 470				
Equity	251.80	267.80†	+ 4.70	2.10
Growth	159.10	167.40	+ 3.00	2.28
Income	255.70	272.00	+ 3.90	3.05
Intl Equity	247.20	262.90	+ 0.80	0.70
UK Income	70.95	75.47	+ 1.10	2.52
UK Intl 25	80.72	85.87	+ 1.15	1.68
New Europe	72.29	76.90	+ 2.04	0.32
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT 48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames 0491 417 000				
Intl Gwth	591.49	632.61	+ 9.80	0.22
Income	353.18	377.74	+ 7.60	2.79
Wwide Recovery	363.45	388.72	+ 7.00	0.33
Amer Growth Inc	222.20	237.65	- 0.14	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	252.01	269.54	+ 5.83	0.01
Far Estn Grth Inc	285.88	305.76†	+ 0.53	0.01
Euro Gwth Inc	137.18	146.72†	+ 4.63	0.65
UK Growth Inc	89.58	95.81	+ 2.00	2.51
High Income	98.84	105.72	+ 1.96	3.91
Jap Gwth Inc	194.64	207.30	-10.89	0.01
PEP Growth	118.20	126.42	+ 1.45	1.08
Asian Str Mkts Inc	151.59	162.13	+ 5.53	0.01
Amer Smlr Co Inc	134.86	144.24†	+ 0.43	0.01
Global Bond	64.36	67.78	+ 0.46	5.41
UK Smaller Cos Inc	76.45	81.77	+ 1.35	1.28
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 39 Pilgrim Street, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 6RQ Admin & dealing: Unit Trust Accounting & Mgmt Ltd, 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1 1NX 071 407 5966				
American	103.07	109.65†	- 0.01	...
European	66.62	70.87	+ 2.43	0.27
Global	67.12	71.40†	+ 1.29	...
Pacific	67.34	71.64	+ 0.60	0.06
UK Inc & Grth	65.33	69.49	+ 1.18	1.96
POINTON YORK UT MGRS The Crescent, King St, Leicester LE1 6RX 0533 550 540				
BRI Director Digt	99.39	105.86	+ 2.78	...
PORTFOLIO TRUST MGRS LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1 1NX 071 407 5966				
Portfolio	159.73	162.99	+ 2.69	0.65
PREMIUM LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD 37 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath 0444 458 721				
Monthly Income	58.60	62.11	+ 0.65	2.16
Growth Income	58.13	61.61	+ 0.54	1.55
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 16 South Park, Sevenoaks TN13 1AN 0732 740 700				
Principal Tst	138.54	147.39	+ 2.94	1.84
PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook EC4N 8LD Enquiries: 071 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 262 443				
American Income	97.50	103.70	- 0.70	2.77
Conv & Gilt	122.40	130.30†	+ 1.90	5.34
European Income	77.21	82.14	+ 1.86	2.33
Extra Income	158.90	169.00†	+ 2.40	3.53
Far East	404.20	430.00	- 0.50	0.22
Global Income	28.51	30.33	+ 0.45	4.08
High Income	121.90	129.70	+ 2.30	3.28
International	212.40	226.00	+ 2.70	0.37
Pref & Fxd Int	46.49	49.46	+ 0.16	6.78
Recovery	79.96	85.05	+ 2.02	1.73
Special Sits	107.80	114.60†	+ 2.30	1.48
Technology	322.80	343.40†	+ 0.30	...
UK Blue Chip	71.22	75.77	+ 1.08	2.57
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone ME14 1XX 0622 674 751				
General	55.39	58.93†	+ 0.96	2.58
International	91.46	97.30	- 0.78	0.70
Gilt	28.71	29.60†	+ 0.95	6.55
Income & Gwth	77.29	82.22†	+ 1.07	3.75
European	50.46	53.68	+ 1.38	1.19
American	54.38	57.82	- 0.41	0.05
Emerging Mkts	102.26	108.79	+ 1.60	0.47
UK Smaller Cos	30.02	31.94	+ 0.65	1.69
Gilt/Fixed Interest	28.65	30.48†	+ 0.02	5.24
Global PEP	40.39	42.97	+ 0.54	1.46
PROVIDENCE CAPITOL FD MGRS LTD 2 Bartley Way, Hook, Hants RG27 9XA 0256 768 888				
European Inc	235.50	251.30	+ 5.30	0.74
Japan Inc	93.81	100.20	- 5.80	...
Nth American Inc	108.50	116.70	- 0.50	0.12
Worldwide Inc	159.10	171.20	+ 0.50	0.72
Hong Kong Inc	184.00	198.40	+ 4.00	0.81
Swiss Equities Inc	68.01	72.52	+ 2.11	0.33
Wwide Bond Inc	66.61	70.75	+ 0.34	6.25
Emging Asia Inc	218.90	238.30†	+ 6.50	0.36
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.28	51.31†	+ 0.05	5.36
Thailand Inc	155.70	168.50†	+ 6.50	0.79
Gold Trust Inc	84.33	90.96	- 1.57	0.17
New Zealand Inc	84.55	90.79	- 0.38	0.48
Inst Mngd PEP Inc	65.63	70.96	+ 1.38	3.75
Latin Am Cmp Inc	85.46	91.46	+ 4.87	0.03
UK All Sh Mtr Inc	61.75	66.42	+ 1.31	1.93
Le Fond Francais	70.70	76.04	+ 1.70	0.39
Broker Unit Trusts				
Global Trustee	76.45	81.76	+ 0.19	1.57
Global Portfolio	69.74	74.59	+ 0.17	...
Global Opps	69.37	74.19	- 0.42	0.44
March Global Grth	72.49	78.84	+ 1.77	1.79
AAM Global Equity	61.20	68.11	+ 1.56	0.73
CAM Brit Gwth Inc	90.44	98.14	+ 2.20	0.92
CAM Brit Inc Inc	47.06	51.20	+ 0.73	1.96
CAM Intl Recy Inc	50.57	54.68	+ 1.49	0.95
Temple Equity Inc	48.16	52.62	- 1.16	3.04
Hartley Growth	78.04	83.02	+ 2.58	1.25
Intl Growth Inc	76.55	81.01	+ 0.26	1.54
IPS Portfolio Inc	85.67	91.63	+ 1.10	0.23
St Jms Mn Inc Inc	51.23	53.55†	- 0.27	...

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Premier Portfo Inc	71.46	76.43	+ 0.04	0.35
Roxburgh Strat Gth	74.80	80.00†	+ 0.57	0.76
Tech Analysts	109.40	116.40	+ 0.70	0.77
Rosebery Growth	47.58	50.54	- 0.46	...
International Strat	78.17	83.60	+ 1.42	...
UPC Ind-Acr Grth	56.88	60.94	+ 1.15	...
Coverdale Topoux	53.64	57.69	+ 1.16	...
Prem Equity Inc	99.04	105.60	+ 0.30	...
Lowes Intl Growth	47.24	49.73	- 0.02	...
PROVIDENT MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD 25-31 Moorgate, London EC2R 6BA 071 588 3903				
Equity Gth	164.20	174.70	+ 4.50	1.36
European Gth	93.74	99.24	+ 3.26	0.56
Income & Gth	140.40	149.40	+ 3.80	2.60
Japan Gth	110.80	117.20	- 4.20	...
Nth Amer Gth	116.90	123.90	+ 2.40	...
Overseas Gth	85.96	91.45	+ 0.68	...
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 51-59 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL 081 478 3377 Client Enq 081 911 4400 Intermed dlg 071 911 4314 Pricebank 0426 925 091				
Managed Tst	36.07	38.57	+ 0.38	1.41
Cash Haven Inc	101.30	101.80†	+ 0.07	4.14
Cash Haven Acc	107.45	107.98†	+ 0.07	4.14
Global Growth	90.58	96.87	+ 1.10	0.99
Equity Inc	90.12	96.38†	+ 1.31	3.56
Equity	755.11	807.60	+15.35	2.30
European	205.51	219.79†	+ 6.04	0.80
High Income	96.87	103.60†	+ 0.74	3.11
Intl Gth	179.94	192.44	+ 1.34	1.05
Intl Sm Co	76.02	81.30	+ 0.27	0.64
Japanese	176.66	188.96	-12.17	...
Nth Amer	157.34	168.27†	- 0.86	0.74
Pacific Mkts	112.27	120.02	+ 1.82	0.74
Premier Inc	53.71	55.91	+ 0.13	5.21
Sm Cos	88.53	94.68	+ 2.02	1.99
Spec Sits	114.94	122.92†	+ 2.97	2.16
UK Growth	127.11	135.94	+ 2.82	2.02
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD Reliance House, Tunbridge Wells, Kent 0892 510 033				
British Life	322.80	342.80	+ 4.10	2.77
Reliance Inc	170.50	181.30	...	1.88
ROCK ASSET MGMT (UNIT TRUST) LTD Baltic House, Regent Centre, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne NE3 3NG 091 285 2555				
Managed	99.15	105.30	+ 2.30	1.88
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT St Swithin's Lane, London EC4 Dealers: 071 280 5000				
FA America (Inc)	520.62	554.45	+ 1.89	0.83
FA America (Acc)	606.66	646.10	+ 2.20	0.83
FA UK Equity Inc	178.11	190.22†	+ 2.62	...
FA Japan	240.94	256.63	-16.85	...
FA Major UK Cos	105.06	112.26†	+ 1.71	1.99
FA Smllr UK Cos	289.66	314.09	+ 7.84	1.08
FA European	303.45	321.13	+ 9.51	0.63
FA Amer Smllr Cos	45.58	48.81	- 0.33	...
FA Asia	60.08	64.39	+ 1.36	...
FA Jap Smllr Cos	45.52	48.53	- 1.88	...
RAM Personal Pension				
UK Major Cos	103.03	108.44	+ 1.70	...
UK Smllr Cos	81.70	85.99	+ 2.13	...
UK Income	102.07	107.43	+ 1.45	...
America	103.80	109.25	- 0.37	...
Japanese	52.75	55.52	- 3.65	...
European	96.14	101.19	+ 3.00	...
Gilt	91.89	96.71	+ 0.62	...
Deposit	78.90	83.05	+ 0.08	...
Managed	104.35	109.84	+ 1.59	...
RAM FSAVC Scheme				
UK Major Cos	100.59	105.88	+ 1.67	...
UK Smaller Cos	80.04	84.25	+ 2.11	...
UK Income	99.85	105.10	+ 1.41	...
America	101.32	106.64	+ 0.35	...
Japanese	51.49	54.19	- 3.58	...
European	93.90	98.83	+ 2.93	...
Gilt	90.78	95.55	+ 0.59	...
Deposit	75.52	79.49	+ 0.07	...
Managed	98.78	103.97	+ 1.67	...
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD PO Box 34, Peterborough PE2 8UE Prices: 0733 282 828 Gen Enq: 0733 390 000 Dealing: 0733 393 000				
United States	71.01	75.90	+ 0.07	0.11
Pacific Basin	80.72	86.67	- 0.63	...
High Inc Dist	135.70	145.10	+ 1.50	4.18
Ryl Life Int Cnry	64.26	68.36	+ 0.56	3.29
Ryl Life Intl Gwth	65.36	69.84	+ 0.03	0.34
Ryl Life Intl Spec	60.52	64.37	+ 0.84	...
UK Emerging Cos	114.40	123.60	+ 2.60	1.53
UK Index Trckg	169.50	180.60†	+ 4.30	2.88
European	116.60	125.10	+ 3.50	0.31
Managed	141.50	152.10	+ 2.10	0.84
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD Royal Ldn Hse, Colchester CO1 1RA 0206 764 400				
American Growth	146.60	155.20	+ 0.20	0.37
European Growth	105.20	111.20	+ 4.20	0.89
Far East Growth	148.80	158.40	+ 3.70	0.14
Japan Growth	135.70	142.20	- 5.70	...
Special Sits	195.80	208.20	+ 5.20	1.49
UK Growth	79.58	84.65†	+ 2.39	1.83
Trilion General	232.50	247.40	+ 2.10	0.47
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD 150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NS 041 307 6500				
Far East Inc	195.90	207.30	...	0.10
Gtr Euro Prog Inc	319.70	338.30	+ 4.40	0.24
Growth Inc	122.10	129.20	+ 1.30	0.02
International Inc	313.60	331.90	+ 0.30	...
Nth Am & Intl Inc	310.00	328.00	- 1.10	0.47
PEP Prog Inc	209.00	221.20	+ 2.00	0.32
UK High Inc Inc	142.20	150.50	+ 0.70	3.06
SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD City Place Hse, 55 Basinghall St EC2V 5DJ 071 330 0572				
American Gwth	63.98	68.07†	- 0.17	1.00
Amer Smllr Cos	78.84	83.87†	+ 0.37	...
Asian Gwth	129.02	137.25	+ 4.25	1.25
European Gwth	68.18	72.53†	+ 2.02	1.50
Global Bd	63.73	67.33	+ 0.35	6.00
Global Eq	67.278	71.56†	+ 1.04	0.50
Japanese Eq	53.87	56.99†	- 2.67	...
Japan Sm Cos	63.09	67.12	- 3.43	...
UK Gen	56.76	60.38	+ 1.05	3.00
UK Gwth	60.96	64.86†	+ 1.82	2.50
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB 0708 766 966				
Amer Inc & Gwth	72.09	76.69	+ 0.03	3.42
Amer Smllr Cos	106.60	113.40	- 0.70	...
Asian Smaller Cos	68.43	72.80	+ 2.43	...
Capital Portfolio	139.40	148.30	+ 5.10	1.62
Capital	170.90	181.80†	+ 3.10	0.95
Cash	121.30	121.30†	+ 0.10	5.09
China Dragon	78.37	83.37	+ 2.04	0.81
Commodity	131.50	139.90	- 0.60	0.36
Eastern Discovery	131.70	140.10	+ 5.40	...
Energy Inds	116.70	124.10	+ 2.20	0.31
European Gwth	188.30	200.30†	+ 6.20	0.66
Euro Inc & Gwth	79.02	84.06	+ 2.20	1.85
Euro Smllr Cos	50.13	53.33†	+ 1.51	0.53
Financial Secs	207.70	221.00†	+ 3.40	1.06
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	55.10	58.18	+ 0.12	7.30
Gold & Exploration	83.53	88.86	- 0.44	0.29
High Return	241.20	257.10	+ 3.10	3.36
High Yield	235.00	250.00	+ 2.90	3.50
Income	127.70	135.90	+ 1.90	4.05
Intl Bond	177.20	187.30	...	5.08
ITU	222.50	236.70	+ 7.30	0.77
Japan Growth	146.70	156.10	- 8.50	...
Japan Smaller	173.40	184.50	- 7.50	...
Korea	78.14	83.13	+ 0.56	...
Masterfund	54.51	57.99†	+ 0.69	0.78
Scotbits	314.00	334.00	+ 4.50	0.85
Scotshares	297.90	316.90†	+ 6.00	1.67
Scotyields	255.30	271.60	+ 4.10	3.47
Select Intl	147.60	157.00	+ 1.70	0.53
Smaller Cos Inc	246.00	261.70	+ 3.60	3.67
SE Asia	699.60	744.30	+23.30	...
Special Situation	126.60	134.70	+ 2.60	0.57
UK Equity	259.30	275.90	+ 4.60	2.53
UK Growth	66.82	71.09	+ 2.00	1.42
UK Smllr Cos Gwth	45.20	48.09	+ 0.89	1.11
US Growth	147.70	157.10	+ 0.30	0.06
Univ Growth	149.30	158.80	+ 1.70	0.34
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria St EC4V 4EJ Client: 0800 526 535 Broker: 0800 526 540 General Enquiries: 071 382 3900				
Retail Funds				
American	250.32	266.47†	+ 0.04	0.70
Australian				
European Gwth	73.35	78.17†	+ 2.54	0.75
Euro Smllr Cos	68.58	73.15†	+ 2.10	0.17
Far Eastern Gth	101.55	108.31	+ 1.85	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	59.26	62.44	+ 0.18	6.74
Global Bond	55.61	57.44	- 0.15	4.95
Global Emer Mkts	59.44	63.40	+ 2.19	...
Income	366.31	389.66	+ 6.92	3.55
Japan Smllr Cos	435.61	464.65	-19.90	...
Japan Enterprise	61.93	66.05	- 3.76	...
Pacific Gwth	154.06	164.33	+ 3.09	...
Seoul	53.29	56.83†	- 0.86	...
Smaller Cos	211.59	225.69†	+ 4.20	0.71
Tokyo	104.68	111.65	- 6.80	...
UK Enterprise	246.85	263.30†	+ 6.37	2.16
UK Equity	247.32	263.80†	+ 2.66	2.38
US Smllr Cos	147.47	157.30†	- 0.70	...
World Fd	82.60	88.10	+ 1.07	1.78
Institutional Funds				
European	231.41	246.00	+ 7.54	1.14
Euro Smllr Cos	27.95	29.73†	+ 0.86	1.61
Global Equity Inc	74.98	79.76	+ 0.39	0.68
Japan Smllr Cos	32.71	34.86†	- 1.35	0.07
Mngd Balanced	189.74	201.85†	+ 2.65	2.26
Overseas Equity	184.14	195.89†	+ 1.80	0.77
Oseas Smllr Cos	118.30	125.85	- 0.05	0.29
Pacific	286.60	304.89	+ 3.95	0.66
Recovery	1905.6	2027.2	+39.74	2.37
UK Index	161.09	171.37†	+ 3.35	2.81
UK Small Cos	114.10	121.38	+ 1.96	2.47
US Smllr Cos	41.99	44.67	- 0.33	0.11
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD 150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ 041 204 2390				
Equity Income	53.19	56.65	+ 1.20	3.02
Equity Trust	61.84	65.86	+ 1.35	3.85
Equity Strategy	67.92	72.33	+ 1.35	0.64
European Opps	85.27	90.81	+ 2.94	0.22
UK Smaller Cos	61.65	65.66	+ 1.49	1.42
Maximum Income	99.42	101.99	+ 0.09	4.59
Japanese	65.20	69.44	- 4.33	...
Asia Pacific	146.81	156.35	+ 6.47	1.40
American	104.70	111.51	- 0.64	0.26
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD 28 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh 0800 454 422				
Cash	29.76	29.76	+ 0.02	5.070
UK General Inc	55.06	58.73	+ 0.89	2.31
Intl Income	291.20	310.80	+ 8.60	2.74
European	73.18	77.48†	+ 2.18	1.47
Japan	61.01	64.97†	- 3.90	0.12
American	67.39	71.66	+ 0.16	1.77
Far East	101.90	108.70	+ 2.92	0.19
Ethical Inc	31.23	33.50	+ 0.65	1.84
UK Blue Chip Inc	35.10	37.54	+ 0.69	2.54
High Inc Inc	39.20	41.82†	+ 0.93	3.25
UK Global Inc	40.65	43.19	+ 0.29	1.29
Wwide Tact	77.44	82.82	+ 1.18	0.34
Europe 2000 Tact	49.60	52.78	+ 1.54	1.17
Technology	97.36	103.80	+ 1.00	0.30
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	397.90	425.10	+ 8.00	2.40
American	271.30	288.10	+ 2.30	0.64
Pacific	408.00	436.40	+ 0.50	0.50
European	531.30	568.20	+13.50	0.82
Worldwide	95.40	102.10	+ 1.20	0.78
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD 109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN 041 248 6100				
UK Equity Inc	285.50	303.80†	+ 3.50	2.22
UK Str Co Eq Inc	197.30	209.90†	+ 4.50	1.45
Select Oppnty Inc	70.54	73.45	+ 1.60	2.15
Income Plus Inc	76.57	81.46	+ 1.26	3.36
European Inc	345.70	367.80	+ 9.90	1.34
Far Eastern Inc	193.30	205.70	+ 4.90	1.16
Japanese Inc	57.54	61.22	- 3.54	...

	Bid	Offer	Wkly +/-	Yld %
Nth American Inc	246.80	262.60	- 0.80	0.41
Intl Growth Inc	210.00	223.50†	+ 3.10	0.71
Wwide Venture Inc	83.42	88.75	+ 1.08	1.25
SCOTTISH PROV INV MGMT LTD 6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 031 558 2340				
Equity Growth Inc	35.21	36.98	+ 0.46	2.58
Intl Growth Inc	31.40	33.92	+ 0.20	0.62
Market Leaders Inc	24.65	26.38	+ 0.46	2.50
SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU 031 668 3724				
Equity Inc	391.20	417.20	+ 8.90	2.75
UK High Inc	201.20	214.60	+ 3.40	3.44
Europe Inc	331.10	353.10	+14.70	0.83
Nth Amer Inc	214.30	228.50	+ 1.30	0.04
Global Inc	210.30	224.20	+ 4.70	1.01
UK Spec Sits Inc	106.90	114.00	+ 1.20	2.92
South East Asia	248.30	264.80	+ 9.30	0.45
Cash Trust Inc	100.20	100.20	...	4.95
UK Smllr Cos Inc	105.40	112.40	+ 2.10	1.77
Intl Bond Inc	102.80	109.10	+ 1.50	5.80
SEMPER EADEM FUND MGMT LTD 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010				
Sector Recovery	161.20	169.30	+ 3.80	3.94
SHARP (ALBERT E) & CO 5 Rayleigh Rd Hutton, Brentwood Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010				
European	127.00	133.70	+ 4.10	1.41
Nth American	104.90	110.30	- 0.10	0.95
Intl Bond & Conv	137.80	145.10†	+ 0.60	4.77
Pooled Pension (E)	185.30	198.40	...	...
Smaller Cos	69.06	72.69†	+ 1.37	2.06
UK General	138.20	145.50†	+ 2.60	2.89
SHEPPARDS UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1 071 407 5966				
Income	457.47	486.67	+ 7.80	3.80
Global Inc	71.45	76.01	+ 1.42	2.47
Brit Leaders	358.24	381.11	+ 6.22	2.11
Intl Leaders	215.97	229.76	+ 2.04	0.58
PAM Mg Bal Grth	66.21	67.75	+ 0.82	0.94
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 21 New St, London EC2M 2HR 071 626 4226				
European ‡	117.70	...	+ 2.50	...
Global Bond ‡	108.83	...	+ 0.40	6.89
Samurai ‡	81.19	...	- 3.95	...
UK Growth ‡	113.40	...	+ 1.70	3.50
TAI Pan ‡	109.50	...	+ 2.50	...
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS 1 Riding House St, London W1A 3AS 071 637 5377				
American	294.50	311.60†	- 3.20	0.47
Canadian	80.39	85.07	+ 0.76	0.35
Capital	141.50	151.80	+ 4.20	1.17
Cash	101.11	101.11	+ 0.08	5.26
European	133.80	141.60	+ 4.90	0.39
Far Eastern	182.20	192.80	- 0.80	...
Growth	154.20	163.30	+ 4.60	1.05
Income	140.60	148.80	+ 2.60	4.23
Magnum	150.40	161.50	+ 4.80	1.10
Smllr Secs	373.40	395.20	+ 8.50	0.49
Thoroughbred	174.50	187.50	+ 5.60	1.01
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD 12 Christchurch Rd, Bournemouth 0202 298 422				
Cash	49.83	50.23†	+ 0.05	4.30
Chrtld Prfmnce	62.38	66.53	+ 0.62	7.10
Ethical	60.64	64.31	+ 1.67	3.10
European Growth	72.06	76.85	+ 2.06	2.10
Income	60.27	64.28†	+ 0.93	4.90
Intl Growth	95.16	101.50	+ 1.30	2.50
Managed	82.16	87.64	+ 1.43	3.10
UK Growth	65.80	70.19	+ 1.52	3.50
STANDARD LIFE TST MGMT LTD 3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 0800 393 777				
Managed Acc	52.10	55.36	+ 1.07	1.14
UK Equity Gth Acc	74.25	78.90	- 1.74	1.06
-do- High Inc Inc	41.03	43.60	+ 0.46	2.86
-do- High Inc Acc	49.26	52.34	+ 0.54	2.86
UK Equity Gen Acc	65.16	69.34	+ 1.71	1.79
UK Equity Gen Inc	49.12	52.19	+ 1.29	1.79
UK Lrgr Co Acc	443.50	481.20	+ 9.60	3.16
UK Lrgr Co Inc	336.40	365.10	+ 7.30	3.16
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	34.89	36.90	+ 0.11	5.43
Oseas Lrg Co Acc	299.10	324.60	+ 0.40	1.21
Nth American Acc	45.19	48.02	- 0.21	0.50
Far East Acc	67.32	71.53	- 0.14	0.11
European Acc	49.84	52.96	+ 2.22	0.46
STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD 28 King Street, London SW1Y 6QW 071 344 7000				
Global A (NZ$)	3.851	4.090	...	1.15
US Eqts (US$)	2.274	2.413	...	0.66
Far East Eqts (yen)	231.80	246.30	...	...
Japan Eqties (yen)	230.60	244.90	...	...
FT Europe	126.10	133.90	...	1.55
FT N Amer (US$)	1.760	1.866	...	0.74
FT Japan (yen)	221.20	235.00	...	...
FT Asia Exjap (US$)	2.552	2.711	...	0.75
STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD 45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 226 3271				
American	362.50	386.90	+ 2.90	0.13
British	1060.6	1122.3	+16.30	3.22
Emging Mkts	163.00	173.60	+ 4.90	0.20
European	491.10	522.60	+15.50	1.03
Japan	142.00	150.60	- 6.90	...
New Pacific	426.40	454.10	+ 9.70	0.72
Investment Tst	242.80	257.40	+10.10	0.56
Mngd Equity	181.50	192.00	+ 3.00	1.36
Mngd Cash	96.22	96.22	+ 0.02	4.30
Majority Stg	100.44	101.44	+ 0.07	4.33
SUN ALLIANCE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 289				
Equity	868.30	926.70	+16.50	2.35
North America	127.40	136.30	+ 0.20	0.26
Far East	163.10	174.40	- 0.40	...
Wwide Bond	63.57	67.48	- 0.10	5.09
European	101.30	108.30	+ 4.50	...
Equity Income	99.58	106.50†	+ 1.50	3.42
Portfolio	89.42	95.64	+ 1.53	0.40
UK Leading Cos	62.60	66.60	+ 1.20	2.70
Broker Trusts				
Intnl Equity	68.02	72.75	+ 1.48	...
SUN LIFE OF CANADA UT MGRS LTD Basing View, Basingstoke, Hants 0800 525 725				
American Growth	35.75	38.24	+ 0.04	0.49
Managed Assets	136.18	145.65	+ 1.81	2.65
UK Income	42.41	45.36†	+ 0.82	3.83
UK Growth	41.68	44.58	+ 0.88	2.28
Worldwide Growth	34.40	36.80	- 0.02	0.57
SUN LIFE TRUST MGMT LTD 101, Cannon St, London EC4N 5AD Admin & Enq: 071 606 4044 Dlg: 071 606 6010				
Master Portfolio	49.19	52.61†	+ 0.66	0.24
Cap Protector Inc	44.59	47.69†	- 0.91	2.47
UK Income Inc	56.11	60.01	+ 0.48	2.80
Mngd Extra Inc Inc	34.18	36.56†	+ 0.10	3.48
Mngd High Yld Inc	85.41	91.35†	+ 0.75	3.65
Mngd Inc/Gth Inc	80.40	85.99†	+ 0.97	2.73
Mngd Wwide Gth	37.14	39.72†	+ 0.37	...
UK Smaller Cos	34.24	36.62†	+ 0.36	1.54
Pacific Grth Port	52.57	56.22	+ 0.23	...
SWISS LIFE UNIT TST MAN CO LTD 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010				
Equity Dist	580.30	614.10†	+11.50	2.15
Fixed Int Dist	128.70	133.40†	+ 0.20	6.87
UK Indx Trck Dist	138.30	146.40†	+ 2.80	2.65
TSB UNIT TRUSTS Charlton Pl, Andover, Hants SP10 1RE 0264 346 794				
American	219.31	233.31	+ 0.51	...
Brit Growth	101.35	107.82	+ 2.49	1.65
European	105.75	112.50	+ 2.53	0.29
Extra Income	215.40	229.14	+ 3.88	3.58
Smaller Cos	73.12	77.78	+ 2.13	1.01
General	311.70	331.60	+ 6.73	2.04
Premier Income	57.38	59.77	+ 0.39	5.35
Income	372.89	396.69†	+ 7.12	3.26
Pacific	427.36	454.64	+ 1.92	...
International	562.57	598.48	+ 4.29	0.11
Nat Resources	165.45	176.01	+ 2.14	...
Sitsd Opps	114.43	121.74	+ 2.95	1.22
Environmental Inv	64.52	68.63	+ 1.40	1.53
Selector	66.87	71.14	+ 1.47	2.00
High Income	72.13	76.73†	+ 0.86	3.86
Intl Income	63.82	67.89	+ 0.37	4.25
Selector Income	67.35	71.65	+ 0.86	4.62
TU FUND MANAGERS LIMITED NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
British	340.20	362.50	+ 9.20	2.51
TEMPLETON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD Atholl Crescent, Edinburgh EH3 8HA 031 228 3932				
Glob Growth Inc	197.17	210.87	+ 2.37	1.66
Glob Balncd Inc	171.29	183.20	+ 1.07	2.72
Value Tst Inc	117.90	126.09	+ 1.91	1.30
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD 33 Queen Street, London EC4R 1AX 071 246 3000 Dealing: 071 246 3001				
Amer Smlr Cos	67.42	71.91	- 0.39	...
European Opps	71.43	75.83†	+ 2.09	0.39
Dresdner Eur Bd	44.79	47.08	+ 0.41	8.05
Japan Tst	79.25	84.49	- 3.17	...
Little Dragons	123.22	131.48	+ 3.49	0.15
Oriental Income	50.60	53.97	+ 0.24	4.58
Tiger	329.48	351.44	+ 8.36	0.45
UK Blue Chip	68.59	73.24†	+ 1.50	2.70
UK Smlr Cos	98.57	105.42	+ 4.41	1.91
Formerly AEtna				
Nth Amer Gwth	224.55	238.88	- 3.24	0.64
European Growth	275.88	292.92	+ 9.08	0.96
Europa	572.95	599.37	+11.42	3.41
Far Eastern	476.13	506.52	- 6.85	0.87
UK High Yield	112.34	119.51	+ 1.07	3.69
Iberian Growth	47.05	50.05	+ 0.98	...
Intl Growth	109.73	116.74	+ 0.56	1.28
Preference	130.86	139.21	+ 0.41	7.79
UK Recovery	267.26	284.32	+ 3.10	2.56
UK Smlr Cos Div	99.50	105.85	+ 1.58	4.60
Smaller Cos	254.29	270.50	+ 5.90	1.51
UK Growth	538.93	573.33	+11.33	2.28
WARDLEY UNIT TST MGRS LTD 3 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GJ 071 955 5055				
Exempt	364.40	383.60	- 5.30	2.06
WAVERLEY UNIT TST MGMT LTD 13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	23.27	24.75	+ 1.28	0.50
Pacific Basin	40.34	42.91	+ 0.37	0.60
Can Balncd Gwth	36.38	38.70	- 0.72	...
Global Bond (US$)	0.9613	1.0013	+ 0.01	5.44
Penny Share	27.10	28.82	+ 1.05	1.50
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT 071 600 0462				
Challenger	106.80	109.30	+ 0.30	...
Short Dtd Gilt	116.20	117.70	+ 0.10	...
US Govt Bd (US$)	0.7226	0.7315	+ 0.00	2.27
Gilt Income	56.53	58.82†	+ 0.22	6.25
Gilt Growth	79.53	82.75	+ 0.48	...
City Reserve	53.84	53.84	+ 0.00	4.38
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 2 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG 081 298 4000				
Stockmarket Fd	80.55	85.69	+ 1.65	1.61

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

Heseltine's year of living dangerously

A year ago, the President of the Board of Trade looked down and out. Now Philip Bassett finds him back on top and the DTI humming with activity

Michael Heseltine is firmly back in business at the DTI

Seated at his desk pushed oddly into the corner of his office high above London's Victoria Street, Michael Heseltine is, yet again, confounding the detractors who, yet again, concluded that this time he really was down and out.

A year or so ago he looked it. Hammered over the Government's and British Coal's handling of the pit closure programme, the coal crisis it prompted seemed never-ending. Most ministers would have crumpled: although close confidants now acknowledge privately that he came close — very close — to resigning, the political resilience that has always impressed his friends and frustrated his foes held sway, and Mr Heseltine held on — only to be hit by a heart attack while on a weekend break in Venice.

Now, after an appearance at the Conservative Party conference that brought the house down without him *saying* anything, the President of the Board of Trade is fully back in business, the Department of Trade and Industry humming with activity again — "he's *wonderful* to work for," says a senior civil servant — after its own virtual hospitalisation while Mr Heseltine was away.

In a wide-ranging and fast-moving interview with *The Times*, Mr Heseltine seems back on top of it all: confident (confident enough not to know about what stage some of his department's work is at), seemingly fit, forward-looking, relaxed, joking about media interpretations of his own future. As we speak, he is buoyed by the, on the whole, favourable response to his decision largely to reject the the Monopolies and Mergers Commission's recommendations on the gas industry and not to break up British Gas, opening it up instead to greater competition.

His subject grasp ranges from inward investment to the Prince of Wales, from the role of the DTI to the future of the Post Office. On last year's gargantuan political trip-wire, the coal industry, he is now confident enough not to know — not to *need* to know — how far the problem over the industry's pension scheme, revealed this month when the Bill to privatise coal was published, has yet been resolved, leaving the negotiations instead to Tim Eggar, the minister for coal.

On the issue of nuclear power, the nuclear review — first promised for next year, brought forward in the coal crisis to this year and now slipped back again to its original timeslot — will now get under way in the new year, with the DTI confirming it will consider how far the industry is now competitive; the present economics of the industry; its contribution to electricity supply and its environmental aspects.

On the DTI's other main review, the long overdue examination of the future of the Post Office, Mr Heseltine is more circumspect. While admitting, unlike his department, which sticks, mantra-like, to the fiction that the review is still under way, that the real position is that he has "not made any public announcement" about its conclusions, Mr Heseltine will not fully confirm the widely accepted view that it has rejected privatisation of the Post Office because of the political judgment that such a move could not be got through the Commons at the moment.

But he goes so far as to say repeatedly that the future of the PO contains "big issues about public concern" and that the political issues surrounding it are "not easy".

His dissatisfaction with the PO being state controlled is clear: "I think there are great constraints on any business operating in the public sector, which will tend to hold that business back." But so, too, is his political sense —honed still further by the coal closures fiasco — about the pitfalls of PO privatisation, emphasising the need to "balance" the "political sensitivities" of the issue against the ideology or efficiency of privatisation.

His reorganisation of the DTI is longer running than the PO review. "We have moved a long way down the road on the structural changes," he says, "but we have got a very long way to go on the detailed implementation. But the framework is virtually complete." He runs through a mental checklist of what has been done so far — sector sponsoring, with individual civil servants assigned to specific market sectors to help UK companies break into difficult markets abroad; deregulation, with a substantial slice of the forthcoming parliamentary term likely to be taken up by a Bill on the issue: the single market open for business; Gatt complete: business links in place in a different way — not through the corporatist machinery of the National Economic Development Council, but more supple, less formal arrangements, including the increasing secondment of real business people into the DTI; and inward investment, with a new structure for obtaining and supporting it being shaped and the hunt on for someone to lead it.

Mr Heseltine sees inward investment as crucial. He accepts that for structural reasons — recession in Japan and Germany, the passing of the single market trigger date, greater worries in America about exporting jobs — the "first wave" of it into Britain may now be past, but he says: "There are countries which are emerging and developing and creating large companies which will want to follow on."

In particular, he sees industrial change in Europe flowing from the political changes across the Continent as likely to lead to a string of industrial relocation decisions — and believes Britain is economically well placed to take advantage of any corporate moves within rather than outside Europe.

Competitiveness is the cornerstone of his vision — for what the department should be doing, for what British industry needs to be concentrating on, for Britain as a whole against its economic rivals. He believes the competitiveness gap identified by the CBI and quantified by his own department as Britain being about 25 per cent behind its rivals is now closing, although it will take time to achieve it. But, as he says, "there are grounds for quiet, gritty confidence".

As part of the competitiveness drive, he is proud of the greater involvement of private-sector business figures in the work of the DTI — and proud too that the often all-but completely dimissive attitudes towards the department, at least some brought with them, have been transformed by what they have found when they got there.

Government-business relations have been a vexed issue in the past — not least for Mr Heseltine himself, with his pledges to intervene before each and every meal tested against actual practice and said by some to be wanting.

"Industrial policy" is not a phrase that openly passes people's lips inside the DTI these days, but Mr Heseltine is far from unreceptive to the idea of a White Paper setting out the Government's policy towards industry — a very different thing — as proposed actively by Howard Davies at the CBI. "The idea is not off my desk," he says, his laugh indicating it may well be fully on his desk. "I'm interested in how we can sharpen up our accountability."

One of the problems he is wrestling with in terms of an industry White Paper, though, is how to balance the different performances of good and bad, large and small companies together, while still saying *something* worth saying. While giving him the opportunity for a favoured grouse about reducing complex and important issues down to the voracious and hardly relevant demands of newspaper headlines — as though government-business relations *were* much of a newspaper headline — his point is clear: how does government parade the best without discouraging the worst: how does it persuade positively?

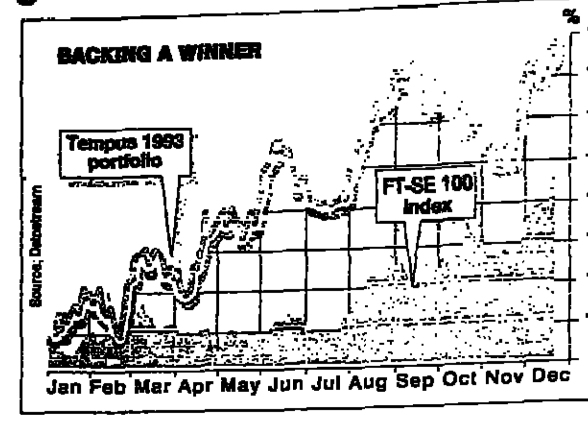
What he is certain about, though, in the two more years he says he needs at the DTI to effect the changes he wants to see, is that he wants to be told if business thinks the Government is doing it wrong. If it does, it should tell him — not through headlines, but privately, so changes can be made without posturing. He's hopeful his reforms will mean that there's less for the Government to be told about.

"I genuinely believe," he says, "that we are doing a good job. And if we're not — I want to know about it." A hostage to fortune, perhaps; but Michael Heseltine has long shown his ability to rise above that — a repeated phoenix.

The man many in industry believe is the best minister for British business the Tory Government has produced is still ready for more.

TEMPUS

No boom time — but a recovery to remember



The time has come to review a momentous year on the stock market. At the start of January, the FT-SE 100 index stood at 2,846.5. Share prices had risen sharply since the pound dropped out of the ERM in September and base rates had fallen, but investors were still beset by worries about institutional cash flow, inflation and the strength of the economic recovery. As it turned out, the first two concerns were groundless, while the recovery has proved real enough, though certainly no boom.

A year on and the FT-SE 100 index is breaking new records every day, breaching 3,400 in the hours before Christmas, a rise of almost 20 per cent. The driving force behind shares and gilts all year has been the promise of ever lower interest rates, which should continue to tantalise well into 1994.

Against this background, almost all investors have had a prosperous year. Of the stocks in the FT-SE 100 index, only 16 fell during the year, according to figures from Datastream, the financial information service. Most are pharmaceutical companies or food retailers. The rest of the market has been dominated by record gains. Of the top 100 shares, five doubled during the year. The leader by far was British Aerospace, which gained more than 150 per cent as John Cahill and his team began to eliminate loss-makers, bring Rover back to profit, and put last year's £1 billion provision to work. Two of the others are banks, the Royal Bank of Scotland and Standard Chartered, as bad debt provisions receded and potential for dividend and earnings growth became clear.

In sixth place comes PowerGen, the fastest rising privatised utility. The shares have had a strong run in the past month as fears over a possible MMC referral by Offer have receded.

The best performing sector in the market was property, which bounced back from a low base as commercial property values began to recover. Merchant banks and commercial banks were high up, together with building materials, where investors were tempted by signs of a recovery in the housebuilding market. At the bottom, food retailers had a miserable year as the price war intensified, while the fears over the effect of US healthcare reforms have reversed years of outperformance by the pharmaceutical stocks.

The performance of London shares put a smile on most investors' faces, but it pales into insignificance compared with events on other stock markets. Shares throughout the world were carried on a tide of low and falling interest rates, and as usual the less liquid developing markets led the way. The top performer in dollar terms according to Datastream was Turkey, whose market rose 196 per cent, followed by the Philippines.

Hong Kong was the best performing main market, where the index almost doubled. London only managed to come 35th in a league of 43 markets, but still managed to beat the 18.7 per cent in the FTA world index by a whisker. The worst performer was China, with a 20 per cent fall.

Tempus portfolio

AGAINST this background, it is pleasing to report a fine performance by the *Tempus* portfolio for 1993. You may recall this column selected six shares at the beginning of January. An annual portfolio like this may be an academic exercise, but it is important for an investment column to be judged on its track record occasionally.

The *Tempus* portfolio ended up outperforming the FT-SE 100 index by almost 100 per cent, rising 39.5 per cent in the year. That of course assumes investing the same amount in each share. If you had bought 100 shares in each of the six companies you would have done even better, gaining 42.7 per cent.

Star performer was Hambro Countrywide, the estate agency chain, whose shares almost doubled on signs of a recovery in the housing market. ICI was our best performing blue-chip. The City's sentiment about the shares was transformed after the successful demerger from Zeneca, and the value of the two combined is now 51 per cent higher than a year ago.

Hillsdown improved as the new management continued to reorganise the diverse food group and Forte shares rose as the group reduced its debts and stuck to its promise not to hold a rights issue.

The underperfomers on the list are Storehouse, which was held back by its continuing difficulties of improving the performance of British Home Stores, and Trafalgar House, whose financial problems turned out to be far deeper than we could have ever imagined. But the financial backing of Hongkong Land meant even its shares managed an 18 per cent gain despite two rights issues and a record loss this month.

Tomorrow we shall publish our selection of tips for 1994. With the market at such high levels, it is increasingly difficult to spot bargains, and certainly impossible to promise a performance as good as 1993, since share prices can easily slump as sharply as they have risen. But there are still a few interesting situations worth looking for.

NEIL BENNETT
Tempus editor

HOW THEY FARED

	price on 4/1/93 (p)	price on 24/12/93 (p)	change (%)
Forte	188	261	+38.8
Hambro C'wide	40	76	+90.0
Hillsdown	133	168	+26.6
ICI	1,059	1,598*	+50.9
Storehouse	202	236	+16.8
Trafalgar House	79	93	+17.7

*Includes ICI and Zeneca share price combined

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Gone but not forgotten

OUR mining correspondent, recently returned from Ghana, brings the following tale to prove that bankers do, after all, have a heart. Handkerchiefs ready? Two years ago, poachers in the northern part of Ghana killed and ivory-stripped an elephant, leaving for dead a six-month-old calf, later found wandering and taken into care by local inhabitants. Tambo, as he shall be known, was trucked south to Kumasi Zoo, and his fame spread. He captured the hearts of everybody who patted him, and when Standard Chartered, which has extensive branches in Ghana, and British Airways, which has traffic rights into Accra, heard of Tambo's sad lot in life, they both did their very British best for him. Standard Chartered built a special ramp and made sure he had a comfortable stall. BA regularly flew in specially enriched milk from London, and three zoo keepers in Standard Chartered Bank T-shirts and hats, took it in turns to sleep alongside the lonely elephant as a substitute "mother". Zoo attendance doubled, and on his diet of rich milk, Tambo grew and grew. And why didn't our mining man walk the last mile from Obusai to Kumasi to pay festive respects to Tambo? Because, I am sad to report, Tambo has died. I wonder if caring for an Indian instead of an African elephant would have saved Standard Chartered from the recent stock exchange stampede in Bombay?

A FIRM of Melbourne stockbrokers has received a letter from a prospective client who writes: "I don't want to brag, but when it comes to the stock market, I happen to be a mover and shaker. Every time I make a move, I shake for hours."

Profit line

IF YOU use BT cheap rates to call loved ones over the festive season, you can be reassured that such discounts have not cost Iain Vallance and his team as much as they had feared. Regular cheap weekend calls have already proved more popular than forecast, but BT had unwittingly lined its pockets before the deal had even begun. Under regulatory procedures, BT has to announce such schemes several weeks before they are introduced. Thousands of customers failed to notice the starting date and rushed to make extended weekend calls straight away, netting BT an unplanned three weekend bonanza at full rates. Always read the small print ...

Fully occupied

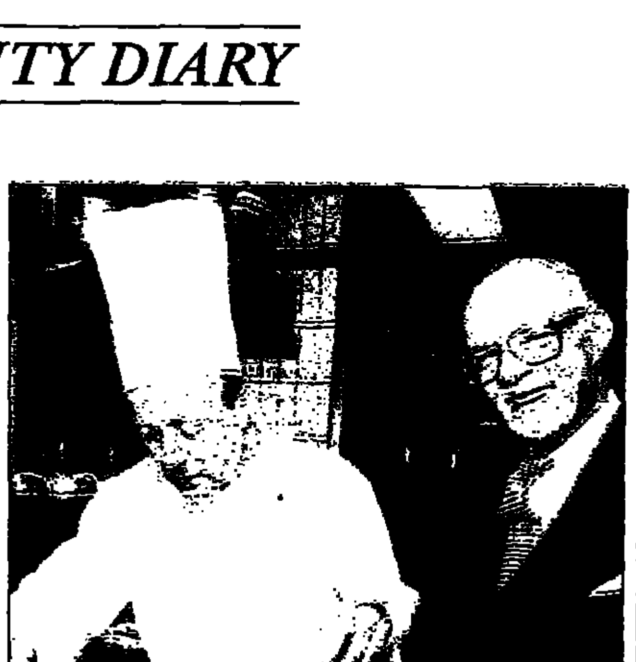
THE end of a recession is normally judged by the frequency of taxis for hire, but a more unusual indicator has surfaced in a well-known conference centre in the Square Mile. A sign on the door of a lavatory at the City Presentation Centre in Chiswell Street, London, has led some visitors to wonder whether the property boom of the 1980s is back. The notice on the loo reads: "Quiet Please. Meeting in Progress." Perhaps it is just a reflection on where British industry has gone in the past few years ...

Direct answers

FIRSTDIRECT, Midland Bank's 24-hour telephone banking subsidiary, celebrated its fifth Christmas by taking 651 calls from customers on Christmas Day, most of them spending the day sorting out their finances. A spokeswoman said most of the calls came from customers wanting to pay bills and "quite a few calls came from people ringing up to wish us Merry Christmas". She reported only one unhappy customer. A man had bet that Firstdirect would not be open. When staff answered the phone, he cursed and said he had lost a bet and would now have to fork out for a bottle of champagne. The Christmas Day callers compare with 16,000 on an average working day, from its 514,000 customers. Last Christmas, 469 customers called in.

THE editor of Taxi Trade Times, *essential reading for London's cabbies, is likely to enjoy the outdoor life. His name is Al Fresco.*

JON ASHWORTH



Seasonal Shepard servings

Anton Edelmann, left, watched by Giles Shepard, managing director of The Savoy, carves one of the 743 turkeys that the hotel bought for the Christmas period. A spokeswoman said that this was 120 more than last Christmas, and said it reflected a return of more American tourists — a prime clientele for the Savoy Group. She added that early indications were that the numbers of Americans coming to the hotel would go up in 1994.

Oil issues give Dow a boost

New York — Shares traded higher at midday with oil issues stronger after an upgrading of the group by Oppenheimer & Co, and a firm showing by closed-end country funds, analysts said.

The Dow Jones industrial average was up 17.61 points to 3,775.33, while advancing shares led declining issues by about ten to eight.

On the downside, health maintenance organisation shares sold on a *New York Times* article saying that the Clinton Administration would not prod Medicare patients into joining HMOs.

☐ **Frankfurt** — Share prices closed the official session higher and are expected to rise steadily until new year in low-volume trading, dealers said. The Dax index closed at an all-time high of 2,253.98, up 31.14 points, with the market led by higher Dax futures prices.

☐ **Paris** — Shares finished the first day of the account sharply higher, setting a third consecutive all-time high with the Cac-40 index closing up 25.07 points, at 2,276.55. Moves were magnified by thin volume, dealers said.

☐ **Tokyo** — Shares ended sharply lower, but above the day's lows, in light trade. The Nikkei average closed at 16,819.88, down 321.23 points. It was the first time since December 8 that the average has fallen below 17,000. Investors were discouraged as Morihiro Hosokawa, the prime minister, failed to offer concrete economy-boosting steps on Friday, brokers said.

☐ **Singapore** — Bullish investors snapped up shares, sending prices to dizzying heights. The Straits Times index set a closing record of 2,378.43, up 52.09 points. *(Reuter)*

Unit trusts, page 29

	Dec 27 midday	Dec 23 close
AMP Inc	63	63
AMR Corp	67	67
Abbott Labs	29	29
Aetna Life	59	58
Ahmanson (HF)	19	19
Air Prod & Chem	45	45
Albertson's	26	26
Alcan Aluminum	21	21
Alco Standard	53	53
Allied Signal	79	79
Alum Co of Am	68	68
Amax Gold Inc	6	6
Amerada Hess	45	44
Amer Brands	33	32
Amer Cyanamid	50	50
Amer El Power	37	37
Amer Express	31	31
Amer Genl Corp	27	27
Amer Home Pr	64	63
Amer Intl	87	87
Amer Stores	44	43
Amer T & T	54	54
Ameritech	79	80
Amoco	53	54
Anheuser-Busch	49	49
Apple Computer	28	27
Archer Daniels	23	23
Arkla	7	7
Armco	5	6
Armstrng Wrld	52	52
Asarco	21	21
Ashland Oil	33	33
Atl Richfield	105	103
Auto Data Pro	56	56
Avery Dennison	29	29
Avon Products	48	47
Baker Hughes	19	19
Baltim Gas & El	25	25
Banc One	38	38
BankAmerica	46	46
Bank of NY	57	57
Bankers Tr NY	80	79
Barnett Banks	40	40
Bausch & Lomb	51	51
Baxter Intl	23	23
Becton Dicknsn	36	35
Bell Atlantic	61	60
BellSouth	58	58
Black & Decker	20	20
Block (H&R)	40	40
Boeing	44	43
Boise Cascade	24	24
Borden Inc	16	17
Bristol Myrs Sq	59	58
Browning Ferris	25	26
Burlington Nthn	57	57
CBS	292	291
CNA Financial	79	79
CPC Intl	47	47
CSX	86	86
Campbell Soup	42	42
Can Pacific	15	15
Cpl Cities ABC	632	633
Cpl Holdings	37	37
Carolina Pwr	30	30
Caterpillar	88	87
Central & SW	31	31
Champion Intl	32	32
Chase Manhat	34	34
Chemical Bk	40	40
Chevron Corp	88	87
Chrysler	53	53
Chubb Corp	77	77
Cigna Corp	63	63
Citicorp	36	36
Clorox	54	53
Coastal Corp	27	27
Coca Cola	44	43
Colgate-Palmolive	60	60
Columbia Gas	22	22
Commonw Ed	29	29
Compaq Comp	73	72
Comp Ass Intl	39	39
Conagra	26	27
Cons Edison	32	32
Cons Nat Gas	45	44
Cons Rail	66	66
Cooper Inds	48	49
Corning Inc	27	27
Crown Cork	40	40
Dana Corp	58	58
Dayton Hudson	66	66
Deere	73	72
Delta Air Lines	55	55
Deluxe Corp	35	36
Detroit Edison	31	31
Digital Equip	35	35
Dillard Dept St	35	35
Disney (Walt)	44	44
Dominion Res	45	45
Donelley (RR)	30	30
Dover Corp	60	61
Dow Chemical	56	57
Dow Jones	36	36
Dresser	20	20
Duke Power	43	43
Dun & Brdstret	62	62
Du Pont	49	49
Eastman Kodak	56	55
Eaton Corp	51	50

	Dec 27 midday	Dec 23 close
Emerson Elec	59	59
Engelhard Corp	24	24
Enron Corp	29	29
Ensergy Corp	36	35
Ethyl Corp	17	17
Exxon	63	63
FMC Corp	46	46
FPL Group	39	39
Federal Express	70	69
Fed Nat Mtge	78	78
First Chicago	43	43
First Interstate	65	65
First Union Rlty	10	10
Fleet Finl Grp	34	33
Fluor Corp	40	40
Ford Motor	64	64
GTE Corp	35	35
Gannett	57	56
Gap Inc Del	40	41
Gen Dynamics	93	94
Gen Electric	105	106
Gen Mills	61	60
Gen Motors	55	55
Gen Reinsurance	108	107
Gen Signal	34	34
Genuine Parts	38	37
Georgia Pac	69	68
Gillette	60	60
Glaxo ADR	21	21
Goodrich (BF)	41	41
Goodyear Tire	45	44
Grace (W&R)	40	40
Grt Atl Pac Tea	28	28
Great Wstn Fin	18	18
Halliburton	31	30
Harcourt General	34	33
Heinz (HJ)	36	36
Hercules	111	110
Hershey Foods	49	49
Hewlett Packard	77	76
Hilton Hotels	57	57
Home Depot	39	39
Homestake Mng	21	21
Honeywell	33	32
Household Intl	32	32
Houston Inds	47	47
Humana	17	18
ITT Corp	92	92
Illinois Tool	38	37
INCO	29	26
Ingersoll Rand	38	37
Inland Steel	32	33
Intel Corp	63	62
IBM	56	58
Intl Flav & Fr	112	111
Intl Paper	67	66
James River Va	18	18
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	44	43
K Mart	21	21
Kellogg	59	59
Kerr-McGee	45	44
Kimberly-Clark	50	50
Knight-Ridder	59	59
Lilly (Eli)	59	59
Limited Inc	17	17
LIN Brdcstng	111	112
Lincoln Nat	43	42
Litton	63	63
Liz Claiborne	20	21
Lockheed Corp	69	69
Louisiana Pac	40	39
MCI Commun	25	25
Marriott Int	28	28
Marsh & McLnn	81	80
Masco Corp	37	37
May Dept St	39	40
Maytag Corp	18	17
McCaw Cellular	51	51
McDonalds	56	56
McDonnell D	108	108
McGraw Hill	67	67
Mead Corp	44	44
Medtronic	83	82
Mellon Bk	53	53
Melville Corp	39	39
Merck Inc	34	34
Merrill Lynch	44	44
Minnesota Mine	108	108
Mobil Corp	78	77
Monsanto	74	74
Morgan (JP)	71	71
Motorola Inc	90	90
Natl Medical	13	13
Natl Semi	16	15
Natl Service Ind	24	24
Navistar Int	22	22
NBD Bancorp	30	30
NY Times A	26	26
Newmont Mng	56	56
Niag Mohawk	20	20
Nike B	45	45
NL Industries	5	5
Nordstrom	33	32
Norfolk Sthrn	71	71
Nthn State Pwr	44	44
Norwest Corp	24	24
Nynex Corp	40	41
Occidental Pet	17	17
Ohio Edison	21	23
Oracle Systems	29	30

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Oryx Energy Co	17	16
Owens Corning	43	43
PNC Financial	29	29
PPG Industries	75	74
Paccar Inc	63	62
Pacificorp	19	19
Pac Enterprises	25	25
Pac Gas & Elect	35	35
Pac Telesis	55	55
Pall Corp	18	18
Panhandle East	22	22
Paramount Comm	78	78
Parker Hannifin	37	37
Penney (JC)	54	53
Pennzoil	54	53
Pepsico	41	41
Pfizer	68	67
Phelps Dodge	48	48
Philadel Elec	30	29
Philip Morris	55	56
Phillips Pet	29	28
Pitney Bowes	41	41
Polaroid	33	33
PriceCostco	19	19
Primerica	39	40
Procter & Gmbl	57	57
Pub Serv E & G	32	32
Quaker Oats	71	70
Ralston Purina	37	37
Raychem Corp	36	35
Raytheon	67	66
Reebok Intl	29	29
Reynolds Metals	45	45
Roadway Srvcs	62	61
Rockwell Intl	37	36
Rohm & Haas	56	57
Royal Dutch	106	105
Rubbermaid	35	34
Safeco Corp	54	54
St Paul's Cos	89	89
Salomon Inc	47	46
Santa Fe Pac	21	21
Sara Lee Corp	25	26
Scecorp	20	20
Schering Plough	66	67
Schlumberger	58	58
Scott Paper	39	40
Seagram	26	26
Sears Roebuck	52	53
Shell Trans	65	64
Sherwin Wilms	35	34
Skyline Corp	18	18
Snap-On-Tools	36	36
Southern Co	44	44
S'Western Bell	44	44
Sprint Corp	33	32
Stanley Works	42	42
Sun Company	30	30
Suntrust	45	45
Supervalu	36	36
Syntex Corp	15	15
Sysco Corp	29	29
TRW Inc	69	69
Tandem Comp	10	10
Tandy Corp	48	48
Telecom Corp	3	3
Teledyne	26	25
Temple Inland	49	49
Tenneco	52	51
Texaco	64	64
Texas Inst	63	63
Texas Utilities	44	44
Textron	58	58
Time Warner	44	44
Times-Mirror	34	34
Timken	34	34
Torchmark	43	43
Toys R Us	41	40
Transamerica	58	58
Travelers Corp	31	31
Tribune	60	59
Tyco Labs	48	48
UAL Corp	148	146
UST Inc	28	28
USX Marathon	16	16
Unilever NV	119	119
Union Camp	47	47
Union Carbide	22	22
Union Pacific	61	61
Unisys Corp	12	12
USAIR Group	12	12
USF&G Corp	13	13
US Life	37	37
US West	46	46
United Tech	61	62
Unocal Corp	27	28
Upjohn	29	30
VF Corp	44	44
WMX Tech	26	26
Wal-Mart Stores	26	26
Warner-Lambert	65	66
Wells Fargo	133	132
Westinghouse El	14	14
Weyerhaeuser	45	44
Whirlpool	66	66
Whitman	16	16
Winn Dixie	53	52
Woolworth	24	23
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	44	44
Xerox	89	89

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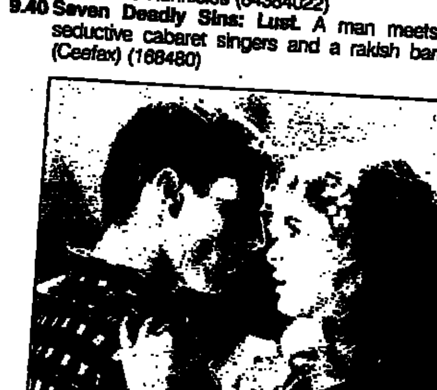
7.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1676206) **7.10 The Snow Queen.** Sigourney Weaver narrates an animated version of the classic tale (s) (2468041) **7.35 Fireman Sam.** (r) (5342935)
8.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (3519022) **8.10 Anytime Tales** (r) (5453664) **8.15 Bluetoes – The Christmas Elf** (r) (7848515) **8.35 Alien's First Christmas** Animation (r) (1796577)
9.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (3704848) **9.05 Henry's Cat** Cartoon (r) (3703119) **9.10 A Jetson Christmas Carol** (r) (1419119) **9.40 Why Don't You . . . ?** (8557515) **10.05 Playdays** (r) (3656683) **10.25 The Greedysaurus Gang** (1855157)
10.35 Best of British. Scenes from gripping British films (2729770)
11.00 FILM: Kim (1950) Errol Flynn appears as the horse dealer Mahbub Ali in this spirited adventure based on Kipling's classic story. Directed by Victor Saville (Ceefax) (36794515)
12.55 Regional News and weather (33430288)
1.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (38828886)
1.05 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (82484886)
1.25 FILM: How the Grinch Stole Christmas (1966). Animated film, based on the poem by Dr Zeuss, about a miserable grinch who is determined to spoil the seasonal fun. Directed by Chuck Jones (82455374)
1.50 Film: The Sand Pebbles (1966). Drama starring Steve McQueen on board a US gunboat patrolling the Yangtze River during China's civil war in 1926. Directed by Robert Wise (56928683) **4.40 Cartoons** (r) (8623157)
4.50 Final Score A full sports results service (8603393)
5.05 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (4933916)
5.20 Stay Tooned! With Tony Robinson. (Ceefax) (4497645)
5.45 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (705393)

Debbie McGee and Paul Daniels (6.10pm)

6.10 The Paul Daniels Christmas Magic Show. (Ceefax) (s) (182770)
7.00 A Question of Sport. Bill Beaumont fields Colin Montgomerie, the golfer, and Graeme Hick, the cricketer, against Ian Botham's line-up of Gavin Hastings, the Scotland rugby union captain, and Niall Quinn, of Manchester City. (Ceefax) (s) (2954)
7.30 EastEnders. (Teletext) (s) (119)
8.00 FILM: Dirty Rotten Scoundrels (1988). Michael Caine makes a tidy living, fleecing rich women in a French seaside resort until the arrival of a small-time American rival (Steve Martin). Directed by Frank Oz. (Ceefax) (s) (28503139)
9.50 News with Michael Buerk (Ceefax) and weather (898119)
10.10 Carrott's Commercial Breakdown 3. Jasper Carrott introduces another collection of funny television advertisements from around the world. (Ceefax) (s) (559596)
11.00 Films of the Year with Barry Norman. (Ceefax) (s) (294577)
11.45 FILM: Carry On Don't Lose Your Head (1966). Kenneth Williams, as Citizen Camembert, and his assistant, Bidet, have most of the best lines as they inflict a reign of terror during the French Revolution. Directed by Gerald Thomas. (Ceefax) (987119)
1.15am Weather (6441788)

BBC2

7.05 FILM: Mr Lucky (1943, b/w), starring Cary Grant as a professional gambler who is redeemed by a young socialite. Directed by H C Porter (6214157)
8.40 FILM: Soigné ton Gauche (1936, b/w). First of three comedy shorts from Jacques Tati on BBC2. Directed by Rene Clement (1703867)
8.55 FILM: Bachelor Knight (1947, b/w). Comedy with Cary Grant as a playboy art teacher who is pursued by Shirley Temple, one of his students. Sidney Sheldon won an Oscar for the screenplay. Directed by Irving Reis (9783515)
10.25 Nene Walks. From Northampton to Irthlingborough (r) (1853799) **10.35 The Brollys.** Animation (r) (8947664) **10.50 The First Noels.** Traditional and modern carols (r) (9040886)
11.10 BBC Proms 93. Highlights of last summer's Proms. (s) (1598041)
12.10 M*A*S*H. A general visits the base and makes his presence felt (r) (2597461)
12.35 Racing. The 12.50, 1.20, 1.55 (Welsh Grand National) and 2.25 races from Chepstow and the 2.35 from Leopardstown (s) (75032652)
2.50 The Royal Institution Christmas Lectures. First in a series of five daily lectures by Professor Frank Close. He takes his audience on a journey through time from the Big Bang to the present day (s) (8469157) **3.50 Edinburgh Military Tattoo 1993.** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (3922732)
4.20 The Two Belles. The story of the rival versions of Leonardo Da Vinci's *La Belle ferronnière* (r) (Ceefax) (2110935)
5.00 CHOICE **Marilyn Monroe – The Last Interview** (Ceefax) (6472)
5.30 FILM: Angel Square (1990) starring Ned Beatty. Set in Canada at the end of the Second World War, a young man searches for the man who attacked his best friend's father. In the meantime, he has to cope with the distractions of school and girlfriends. Directed by Anne Wheeler. (Ceefax) (s) (58197732)
7.15 Capriccio. Dame Kiri Te Kanawa stars as the countess in the last of Richard Strauss's operas in a recent production from the San Francisco Opera. With the San Francisco Opera Orchestra conducted by Donald Runnicles (64384022)
9.40 Seven Deadly Sins: Lust. A man meets two seductive cabaret singers and a rakish barman. (Ceefax) (168480)



Tom Cruise and Kyra Sedgwick (9.50pm)

9.50 FILM: Born on the Fourth of July (1989). Tom Cruise stars in this Oscar-winning drama, based on the true story of paralysed Vietnam veteran Ron Kovic. Directed by Oliver Stone. (Ceefax) (s) (74923886) **12.10am Weather** (9244368)
12.15 Country Music Association Awards. Vince Gill and Clint Black host this year's awards ceremony from Nashville's Grand Ole Opry House (s) (249829). Ends at 1.50

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CHOICE

Clash of hippos in the African drought (ITV, 7.00pm)

Survival Special: Journey to the Forgotten River
ITV, 7.00pm

This epic wildlife documentary follows the mass migration of hundreds of animals as they flee across drought-stricken Botswana to the Linyanti River. Husband and wife film-makers Dereck and Beverly Joubert have taken a fruitful long-term approach to their subjects tracing the animals' movements from the early 1980s, when the exodus began, to the late 1980s when the rains finally broke. It is the experiences of individual beasts which really move us — the hippo who travels with her tiny, staggering calf or the elephant with the dislocated shoulder — but just as interesting is the Jouberts' insight into the way animals interact with their surroundings. The fertile landscape around the Linyanti will be changed forever by the influx of wildlife, but the film-makers argue that this is just one example of changing ecosystems.

Wittgenstein
Channel 4, 9.00pm

Filmed in just two weeks and with a minimum of sets, Derek Jarman's stagey, low-budget tribute to the Austrian philosopher Ludwig Wittgenstein is a witty romp through his life and career. Karl Johnson is excellent as the gaunt genius who cannot reconcile himself to the cosy world of academia and there are pleasing supporting performances from Michael Gough as Bertrand Russell, Tilda Swinton as socialite Lady Ottoline Morrell and John Quentin as John Maynard Keynes. A rich vein of absurdity runs through the work as we see the child philosopher arguing with a visiting Martian and, in later life, mystifying his students by writing "this is a very pleasant pineapple" on the blackboard.

Marilyn: the Last Interview
BBC2, 5.00pm

This sad conversation with Marilyn Monroe could have been sensational if the interview had been filmed as well as taped. As it is, Richard Meryman's recording is still worth a listen and has been usefully augmented with footage including the star's "Happy Birthday" song to President Kennedy. Meryman was talking to her for an article about fame to be published in *Life* magazine. The piece came out on August 3 1962 and Monroe died two days later. Meryman has clearly been kicking himself ever since for not predicting this, but, though she was bitter towards the Hollywood studios, she does not sound exactly suicidal. Remarks such as "Happiness wasn't something I ever took for granted", linger in the mind, but so too does her tingling, devil-may-care laugh.

Brace Yourself Sydney
Channel 4, 11.30pm

The glamorous Julian Clary takes a perverse delight in trying to change his image tonight. Arriving in the city which has provided comedy fodder for wags from Clive James to Dame Edna, he sets off in search of a new career, be it Bondi Beach life-saver, sheep-shearer, swagman, pie-seller or dentist. Celebrities to watch out for in the show include Warren Mitchell of Alf Garnett fame in the dentist's chair, former *Neighbours* star Craig McLachlan, Colette Mann from *Prisoner: Cell Block H* and, intriguingly, Danny La Rue in heaven.
Stephanie Billen

ITV LONDON

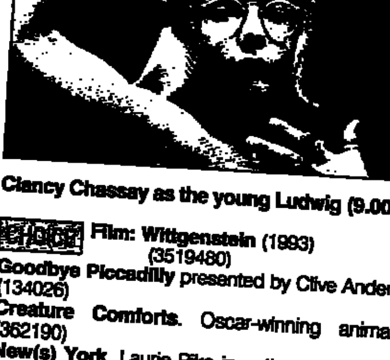
6.00 GMTV. A Christmas edition of early morning news and entertainment with Lorraine Kelly and Eamonn Holmes (4229886)
9.25 Rupert. Animated bear stories (r) (9661799) **9.50 Garfield's Feline Fantasies.** Cartoon adventures with the incorrigible cat (8539119) **10.20 Cartoon Time** with Bugs Bunny and Tweetie Pie (r) (1841954)
10.30 FILM: Battle Beyond the Stars (1980) starring Robert Vaughn and George Peppard. A science fiction adventure about a peace-loving race who recruit a band of mercenaries to defend them. Directed by Jimmy T. Murakami (15641683)
12.15 News (Teletext) and weather (3431935)
12.30 Emmerdale (r). (Teletext) (40003) **1.00 Home and Away.** Australian family drama. (Teletext) (80022)
1.30 The World's Greatest Stunts. Christopher Reeve hosts this tribute to the men and women who provide the action sequences in films (r) (86596)
2.30 FILM: El Cid (1961) starring Charlton Heston and Sophia Loren. Historical epic about the intrepid Christian knight who fights the Moors in 11th-century Spain until he is mortally wounded and rides off into the sunset on his loyal steed. Directed by Anthony Mann (56157206)
5.45 ITN Early Evening News with Dermot Murnaghan (Teletext) and weather (684461)
6.00 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (751)
6.30 Emmerdale Drama in the Yorkshire Dales. (Teletext) (913)
7.00 CHOICE **Survival Special: Journey to the Forgotten River.** (Teletext) (5751)
8.00 The Bill: Cause for Concern. Police drama series. Datta and Stamp unravel an unusual case of mistaken identity. Starring Seeta Indrani and Graham Cole (Teletext) (6770)
8.30 FILM: Joe Versus the Volcano (1990) starring Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan. A hypochondriac is told he has six months to live. He is then propositioned by a millionaire who offers him anything he wants for 20 days but then he has to leap into an active Pacific volcano. Directed by John Patrick Shanley. (Teletext) (23950409)
10.25 News with Dermot Murnaghan (Teletext) Weather (684138)

Double trouble for Frank Carson (10.45pm)

10.45 The Comedians' Christmas Cracker. A special Christmas party to celebrate 21 years of *The Comedians*. Featuring Stan Boardman, Jim Bowen, Frank Carson, Charlie Williams, Bernard Manning, George Roper and Roy Walker (211393)
11.45 FILM: Hooper (1978) starring Burt Reynolds and Sally Field. Comedy with Reynolds as a stuntman facing retirement who is challenged to perform the most dangerous stunt of his career by a young rival. Directed by Hal Needham. (Teletext) (365935)
1.35 FILM: Red River (1948, b/w) starring John Wayne and Montgomery Clift. Classic western about a hot-tempered rancher who embarks on a cattle drive but comes into conflict with his adopted son. With Joanne Dru and Walter Brennan. Directed by Howard Hawks (20191894)
4.00 The 1993 World Music Awards. Annual gala from Monte Carlo hosted by Michael Douglas with live performances from Tina Turner, Rod Stewart, Boyz II Men and A-Ha (r) (s) (654894)
5.55 ITN Morning News (3327691). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

7.00 Ulysses 31 (r) (2477799) **7.25 Spiff and Hercules.** Cat and dog cartoon (2456206) **7.50 Dennis** (2869645)
8.00 The Big Breakfast. Daily magazine with another chance to see Paula Yates with Jon Bon Jovi, Ben Elton and Max Bygraves (66954)
10.00 Saved by the Bell. American high school comedy (69041) **10.30 The Lone Ranger** (b/w). Classic western with the masked hero and his sidekick Tonto (46799)
11.00 Racing: the Morning Line (8119)
11.30 Sesame Street. Early learning series with today's guest, Randy Travis (24119)
12.30 Channel 4 Racing. The 12.45, 1.15, 1.45, 2.20 and 2.50 at Kempton Park and the 2.35 from Leopardstown (12123848)
3.15 FILM: Speedy (1928, b/w) continuing the Harold Lloyd *King of Comedy* season. A basketball fan falls for the granddaughter of the man who runs New York's only surviving horse-drawn trolley. Together they fight to save his business from the rival traction companies. With Ann Christy and Bert Woodruff. Directed by Ted Wilde (40853645)
4.55 Big Apple Tinsel: God and the Devil in New York. The second programme in the series on seasonal kitsch looks at the forms that God and the devil take in Sin City. (Teletext) (s)(8895374)
5.10 Oprah Winfrey Show: Mothers Who Makeover Their Teens. The talk show hostess talks to unconventional teenagers and conventional mothers. (Teletext) (s) (3890190)
6.00 Roseanne. Wisecracking comedy with Dan in the delivery room. (Teletext) (393)
6.30 Gamesmaster. Dexter Fletcher with the latest news on video games (645)
7.00 Ray of Hope. James Bolam narrates this updated profile of Ray Kennedy, the legendary goal scorer for Arsenal, Liverpool and England, who is now suffering from Parkinson's disease (r). (Teletext) (3393)
8.00 Claws, Jaws and Dinosaurs. What is the fascination of things big, fierce and extinct? (r) (Teletext) (2041)



Clancy Chassay as the young Ludwig (9.00pm)

9.00 CHOICE **Film: Wittgenstein** (1993) (3519480)
10.20 Goodbye Piccadilly presented by Clive Anderson (134026)
10.50 Creature Comforts. Oscar-winning animation (362190)
11.00 New(s) York. Laurie Pike investigates life in New York as shown by the 24-hour news cable station (3428)
11.30 CHOICE **Brace Yourself Sydney** (540393)
12.15am Ready Steady Go! Motown Special (b/w): From Marvin Gaye to the Miracles, the best of the Detroit-based label with Stevie Wonder, the Supremes, the Temptations and Martha and the Vandellas (618788)
1.15 FILM: Horse Feathers (1932, b/w) starring the Marx Brothers. Two of the brothers cause chaos on the football field when they sign up for the match between Huxley College and Darwin University. Directed by Norman Z. McLeod (4254436)
2.25 LA Law. American courtroom drama series (r) (2538252). Ends at **3.20**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Neale James (FM only) **7.00** Bruno Brookes **10.00** Lynn Parsons **2.00** Steve Edwards in the Afternoon **5.30** Newsbeat **5.35** Evening Session **8.30** Chris Rea — by Public Demand: In concert earlier this year at the Aberdeen Exhibition Centre **10.00** Mark Radcliffe **12.00** Loud and Proud on Ice (FM only) **12.30-4.00am** Claire Sturgess (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo **5.00am** Martin Kelner **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.00** Sarah Kennedy **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Derek Jameson **1.00pm** The Arthur Lowe Story, presented by Bill Pertwee **2.00** Angela Rippon **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Ken Dodd's Christmas Comedy Club **7.30** Junkin's Jokers: Victoria Wood (r) **8.00** Frank Sinatra Duets: The Radio Show (r) **10.00** Adnan Love **12.05am** Steve Madden **3.00-5.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service **6.30** Morning Edition **9.00** Take Five **9.55** Likely Stories: I Should Be So Lucky, by Bill Taylor **10.25** The Holiday Alternative with Janice Long **12.30pm** Billy Liar (r) **1.00** They Think It's All Over (r) **1.30** Sport on Five Bank Holiday Special: Racing from Chepstow and Kempton Park, and live Premiership football commentary **6.00** Talking Poetry at Christmas (r) **6.30** Carr Lane Karters (3/4) **7.15** Bedknob and Broomstick **7.30** Review of the Sporting Year (r) **9.00** Walls of Silence: See Choice **10.10** Earshot: Steve McKenna presents highlights of 1993 **12.00-12.10am** News; Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News and Press Review in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin: Tips für Touristen **5.30** Europe Today **6.00** News **6.10** British News **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** Newsdesk **7.30** New Ideas **7.50** Trees **8.00** World News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** Concert Hall **9.00** News **9.05** Business Report **9.15** Coast to Coast **9.30** On Screen **9.45** Sports Roundup **10.00** News Summary **10.01** Discovery **10.30** The Story of Western Music **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin: News in German **Noon** World News **12.10pm** Words of Faith **12.15** Multitrack 1 **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** Newshour **2.00** World News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Off the Shelf: *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight* **2.45** Capriccio **3.00** World News **3.15** A Jolly Good Show **4.00** World News **4.10** British News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** News **5.05** World Business Report Special **5.15** BBC English **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** News in German **7.00** Nachrichten **7.05** Kaleidoskop **8.00** World News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** The World Today **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** Newshour **10.00** News **10.10** British News **10.15** Megamix **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** World News **11.05** World Business Report **11.15** Concert Hall **Midnight** Newsdesk **12.30am** Omnibus **1.00** World News **1.05** Outlook **1.30** Science or Fiction? **1.45** Country Style **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** Development '93 **3.00** News **3.10** British News **3.15** Sports Roundup **3.30** Discovery **4.00** News **4.15** Waveguide **4.25** Book Choice

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Robert Booth **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Alan Freeman **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: Elgar (Violin Concerto in B minor) **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Margaret Howard **7.00** The Opera Guide **8.00** Evening Concert: Walton (Symphony No 1), Beethoven (Piano Concerto No 1 in C). CBSO **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00-6.00am** Sarah Ward

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Russ and Jono **10.00** Richard Skinner **1.00pm** Kevin Greening **4.00** Tommy Vance **7.00** Mitch Johnson **10.00** Nick Abbot with the phone-in **2.00-6.00am** Wendy Lloyd

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: **10.20am-10.30** Cartoon (1841954) **1.30pm-2.30** The World's Greatest Stunts (86596) **1.35am-4.00** Film: Choice Of Arms (20191894)

BORDER
As London except: **10.20am-10.30** Cartoon (1841954) **12.30pm** Emmerdale (40003) **1.00** Home And Away (80022) **1.30-2.30** The World's Greatest Stunts (86596)

CENTRAL
As London except: **11.45pm-12.45pm** Central Sports Special (217577) **12.45am** Film: Hooper (Burt Reynolds, Sally Field) (815489) **2.35** Film: Red River (John Wayne, Montgomery Clift, Joanne Dru) (38057271) **5.05** America's Top 10 (7578504) **5.35-5.55** The Littlest Hobo (4234184)

GRAMPIAN
As London except: **10.20am** Cartoon (1841954) **10.30-12.15am** Film: Battle Beyond The Stars (Richard Thomas, John Saxon, Robert Vaughn) (15641683) **1.30pm** The World's Greatest Stunts (86596) **2.30-5.45** Film: El Cid (Sophia Loren, Charlton Heston, Raf Vallone) (56157206) **11.45** Film: Hooper (Burt Reynolds, Jan-Michael Vincent, Sally Field) (365935) **1.35am** Film: Choice Of Arms (Yves Montand, Gerard Depardieu, Catherine Deneuve) (20191894) **4.00-5.55** The 1993 World Music Awards

GRANADA
As London except: **10.20am-10.30** Cartoon Time (1841954) **12.30pm** Home And Away (40003) **1.00** Emmerdale (80022) **1.30-2.30** Cliff Richard In Concert (86596) **1.35am-4.00** Film: Choice Of Arms

HTV WEST
As London except: **1.35am-4.00** Film: Choice Of Arms (20191894)

MERIDIAN
As London except: **1.30pm-2.30** The World's Greatest Stunts (86596) **4.00am-5.55** 1993 World Music Awards (654894)

SCOTTISH
As London except: **10.20am-12.15am** Film: Not Quite Human (32050864) **12.30pm** Emmerdale (40003) **1.00** Home And Away (80022) **1.30** The World's Greatest Stunts (86596) **2.30** Film: Casanova's Big Night (83136867) **4.10-5.45** Film: The Pied Piper (39166799) **11.45** Film: Lady Sings The Blues (45426225) **2.30am** Cue The Music (20504) **3.30** The 1993 World Music Awards (598639) **5.25-5.55** Blockbusters (7679287)

TYNE TEES
As London except: **4.00am-5.55** The World Music Awards (654894)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: **1.30pm-2.30** The World's Greatest Stunts (86596) **1.35am** Film: Choice Of Arms (Yves Montand, Gerard Depardieu, Catherine Deneuve) (20191894) **4.00-5.55** 1993 World Music Awards (654894)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: **4.00am-5.55** The 1993 World Music Awards (654894)

S4C
Starts: **7.00am** Ulysses 31 (2477799) **7.50** Dennis (2869645) **8.00** The Big Breakfast (66954) **10.00** Saved By The Bell (69041) **10.30** The Lone Ranger (46799) **11.00** The Morning Line (8119) **11.30** Julia (9646) **12.00pm** Slot Meithrin (20751) **12.30** Channel 4 Racing (12123848) **3.15** Film: Great St Trinian's Train Robbery (29535645) **5.00** Prince Cinders (5428) **5.30** Fifteen To One (480) **6.00** Newyddion (584374) **6.10** Slot 23 (175480) **7.00** Traed Oer Nadolig (5664) **7.30** Marathon "Wish" Gdula (157) **8.00** Tydi Coleg Yn Gret (4312) **8.30** Newyddion (139577) **8.45** The Almost Complete History Of The Twentieth Century (152428) **9.00** To Kill And Kill Again (9577) **10.00** Dim Tatod (833577) **12.30am** News York (31165) **1.00** Desmond's (70691)

RTE1
Starts: **10.25am** Film: The Lost World (78097751) **12.05pm** Richard Tucker Music Gala (59836954) **1.10** News & Weather (67204954) **1.15** Racing From Leopardstown (65668664) **3.30** TBA (3832848) **5.30** A Country Practice (4074954) **6.00** The Angelus (2151041) **6.01** Six-One (1657848) **6.15** TBA (1645003) **6.30** Reach 93 (4062119) **7.00** Fair City (3441549) **7.30** The Mighty River (4051003) **8.00** Jury's Cabaret (3719916) **9.00** News (6799683) **9.15** The Lost Generation (5986157) **10.00** Film: Coming To America (3258393) **12.00am** News (7100076)

NETWORK2
Starts: **10.20** Back To The Future (33107598) **10.45** Prince Valiant (56724374) **11.10** Sports (54655461) **11.30** The Beatbox (83183225) **1.30pm** Film: Danny, Champion Of The World (15272577) **3.10** Dinin (25160732) **3.25** The Roadrunner Show (23541438) **3.50** All Ireland Football Final (69174225) **5.20** Classic Coronation Street (68689157) **6.20** Classic Adventure (16903770) **6.55** Nuacht (33241022) **7.00** Tellifis Pobail (84548683) **7.30** Mom PI (83318596) **8.00** News (57493190) **8.05** Harts Of The West (60713041) **9.00** The Bill (86199190) **9.30** News (47119664) **9.35** Cheers (75617521) **10.00** Farming Profiles (43840041) **10.30** Living Islam (38648848) **11.25** Jigs and Jazz (18750461)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am DJ Kat (83550867) **8.40** Lamb Chops (7338003) **9.10** Cartoons (4026225) **9.30** Card Sharks (9691596) **9.55** Concentration (9609515) **10.25** Dynamo Duck (7112119) **10.30** Love at First Sight (55461) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (24480) **12.00** The Urban Peasant (79041) **12.30pm** Paradise Beach (95577) **1.00** Barnaby Jones (83732) **2.00** The Rhinemann Exchange (84374) **3.00** Another World (6032645) **3.45** DJ Kat (5269683) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (3225) **6.00** Games World (7751) **6.30** Paradise Beach (8003) **7.00** Rescue (4954) **7.30** Growing Pains (7515) **8.00** Anything But Love (8454) **8.30** Designing Women (9409) **9.00** Melrose Place (22645) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (25732) **11.00** The Untouchables (12645) **12.00** The Streets of San Francisco (31945) **1.00am** Night Court (44875) **1.30-2.00** Maniac Mansion (72146)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise Europe (48935) **9.30** Review of the Year (88041) **10.30** Somalia (44119) **11.30** Review of the Year (71041) **12.30pm** News and Business Report (48935) **1.30** CBS News (49664) **2.30** Review of the Year (4803645) **3.30** Review of the Year (4550312) **4.30** News and Business Report (4428) **5.00** Live at Five (782472) **7.30** Target (42028) **9.30** Review of the Year (29193) **11.30** CBS News (62683) **12.30am** ABC News (15349) **1.30** Target (77962) **2.30** Review of the Year (90962) **3.30** Somalia (54897) **4.30** Target (35784) **5.30-6.00** CBS News (17097)

SKY MOVIES
6.00am Showcase (5846041)
10.00 Girls Just Wanna Have Fun (1985): Three girls take part in a music contest on cable television (99393)
12.00 Knightrider 2000 (1991): David Hasselhoff and his talking car track an assassin (135119)
2.00pm Man About the House (1974): Paula Wilcox, Sally Thomsett and Richard O'Sullivan move in together (49312)
4.00 For Your Eyes Only (1981): James Bond (Roger Moore) searches for a military device sunk off the Greek coast (74623596)
6.10 Once Upon a Crime (1992): Richard Lewis and Sean Young go to Monte Carlo to return a lost dachshund (12345770)
8.00 The Bear (1989): A cub is orphaned and forced to fend for itself (23884770)
9.35 Special Feature: Actors Turned Directors (341751)
10.00 Defenseless (1991): A lawyer, Barbara Hershey, is suspected of murdering a client. With Sam Shepard (870022)
11.45 Billy Bathgate (1991): Loren Dean joins Dustin Hoffman's gang and rises through the ranks until he falls for gangster's moll Nicole Kidman (914225)
1.35am Double X (1991): Norman Wisdom in a rare straight role as a petty crook trying to leave the criminal underworld (320829)
3.10 No Place to Hide (1992): Kris Kristofferson and Drew Barrymore track down a killer (104405)
4.45 Man About the House (as 2pm) (1175981). Ends at 6.25

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm Anna Karenina (1948, b/w): Turgid adaptation of Tolstoy's classic (10848)
8.00 Jeremiah Johnson (1972): Robert Redford play a cowboy betrothed to the daughter of an Indian chief (15393)
10.00 Missing in Action 2 — The Beginning (1985): Chuck Norris rescues American PoWs from the Vietnam jungle. With Soon-Teck Oh (292134). Ends at 11.45

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am The 300 Spartans (1962): Classical war drama in which the Greeks keep the Persians at bay (34886)
8.00 The Magic Snowman: Seasonal tale about a magic snowman (22577)
9.30 Dot Goes to Hollywood: The kangaroo goes to America (1140190)
10.50 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea (1985): Cartoon classic (1865312)
12.00 Paris When It Sizzles (1963): Comedy with Audrey Hepburn (96119)
2.00pm Yabba-Dabba Doo Celebration: A feature-length visit to the Flintstones (47954)
4.00 The Magic Snowman (as 8am) (22374596)
5.50 Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Café (1992): Poignant drama about women's friendships (20627409)
8.00 The Addams Family (1991). Gomez and Morticia (Raul Julia and Anjelica Huston) preside over a house of horror (39935)
10.00 For the Boys (1991): Bette Midler and James Caan entertain the troops (40690041)
12.25am Once Around (1990): Offbeat romantic comedy starring Holly Hunter and Richard Dreyfuss (531287)
2.25 Lies of the Twins (1991): Isabella Rossellini becomes involved with her fiancé's twin brother. With Aidan Quinn (970694)
4.00 Terrorvision (1986): A garbage-eating monster arrives in the home of an ordinary American family (2080417). Ends at 5.25

SKY SPORTS
7.00am Soccer News (8732461) **7.15** Prime Bodies (913954) **7.45** Fishing the West (912225) **8.15** Soccer News (2485374) **8.30** Trucks and Tractors (89003) **9.00** Prime Bodies (83683) **9.30** Adventure Sport (20041) **10.30** Ringside Superbouts (88577) **11.30** Whitewater Rafting (34916) **12.00** FA Football: Everton v Sheffield Wednesday (32935) **2.00pm** Darts (169799) **5.00** Fishing the West (6190) **5.30** Goal (5954) **6.00** Soccer News (203886) **6.15** Netbusters (291041) **6.30** The Nevis Challenge (3119) **7.00** Darts (85515) **9.00** The Football Show (54645) **10.00** Soccer News (124206) **10.15** NFL Superbowls (940428) **11.15** Team Pool (939312) **12.15-2.15am** Darts (724366)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (79954) **8.00** Golf (37480) **10.00** Athletics: 1993 World Championships (50521) **12.00** Eurogoals (17138) **1.00pm** Stock Cars (28886) **2.00** Eurofun (7206) **2.30** Ice Hockey: Spengler Cup (83480) **4.00** American Football: Miami v San Diego (93887) **5.30** Eurogoals (51138) **6.30** News (1515) **7.00** Paris-Dakar Rally (1022) **7.30** Ice Hockey: Spengler Cup (829461) **10.00** Boxing (92428) **11.00** Snooker (76867) **12.00-12.30am** News (52184)

UK GOLD
7.00am GP (7672190) **7.30** Neighbours (7691225) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (2735409) **8.30** EastEnders (2727480) **9.00** The Bill (2718732) **9.30** When the Boat Comes In (1766175) **10.30** All Creatures Great and Small (71931041) **12.10pm** Sons and Daughters (37614577) **12.35** Neighbours (80614913) **1.00** EastEnders (7871461) **1.30** The Bill (8118954) **2.00** 'Allo 'Allo! (4652461) **2.30** Brush Strokes (7687515) **3.00** Dallas (7973312) **4.00** Dynasty (7969119) **5.00** Blankety Blank (4676041) **5.30** Give Us a Clue (7858003) **6.00** Neighbours (7855916) **6.30** EastEnders (7879596) **7.00** When the Boat Comes In (6905515) **8.00** 'Allo, 'Allo (4672225) **8.30** Brush Strokes (4651732) **9.00** Wings (7959732) **10.30** Carrott (2715645) **11.00** Top of the Pops (9143312) **11.40** Dr Who (2946751) **12.15am** FILM: The Cheaters (1945, b/w): An actor spends Christmas with a family of snobs (82131287) **1.40-2.30** Video Bites (8195897)

CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Jack in the Box (44515) **7.00** RatKan II (93393) **9.00** T-Rex (25683) **9.30** Beakman's World (41119) **10.00** Witches and the Grinnygog (66751) **10.30** Captain N (21867) **11.00** You Can't Do That on Television (99867) **11.30** Ghostbusters (90596) **12.00** Fame (57770) **1.00pm** The California Raisins (96480) **1.30** Round the Bend (44206) **2.00** Ironman (5480) **2.30** The Finder (4480) **3.00** Piggsburg Pigs (8756935) **3.25** RatKan II (2349428) **3.30** Ovide and the Gang (8225) **4.00** The Charlie Brown and Snoopy Show (5732) **4.30-5.00** Beakman's World (1916)

NICKELODEON
7.00am Dawn Patrol (63393) **7.30** Guts (82428) **8.00** Get the Picture (88374) **8.30** Fraggle Rock (87645) **9.00** Speed Racer (81225) **9.30** Wild Side (90461) **10.00** Janosch's Dream (48041) **10.30** David the Gnome (87409) **11.00** Cartoons (84157) **11.30** Eureeka's Castle (22799) **12.30pm** Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (1160022) **4.00** Capitol Critters (3732) **4.30** Speed Racer (9916) **5.00** Clarissa Explains It All (4732) **5.30** Get the Picture (3695) **6.00** Guts (9139) **6.30-7.00** Welcome Freshmen (4461)

DISCOVERY
4.00pm Global Family (7876409) **4.30** Waterways (7865363) **5.00** Realm of Darkness (4653180) **6.00** Only in Hollywood (6587515) **6.05** Beyond 2000 (4866732) **7.00** Eclipse (8903157) **8.00** Spies (4870867) **8.30** Suspicious Circumstances (4659374) **9.00** The Wing Will Fly (8992041) **10.00** Disappearing World (3902426) **11.00** The Great Moghuls (7951180) **11.30-12.00** Traveller's Guide (2547206)

BRAVO
12.00 Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman (2723684) **12.30pm** FILM: Change of Heart (1943, b/w): A publisher steals Susan Hayward's songs (8888393) **2.00** FILM: Singin' in the Rain (1952): Gene Kelly romances Debbie Reynolds (9476525) **3.45** Art Linkletter (45027461) **4.00** The Flying Nun (7863935) **4.30** My Three Sons (7869119) **5.00** The Beverly Hillbillies (4678409) **5.30** Donny and Marie (7883799) **6.00** The Invisible Man (7873312) **6.30** Torchy, the Battery Boy (7884664) **7.00** The Partridge Family (8990683) **8.00** FILM: The Human Factor (1979): Based on a Graham Greene spy story. With Robert Morley (8987119) **10.00** FILM: Sweeney (1977). John Thaw uncovers a conspiracy (2274428) **11.30-12.00** The Twilight Zone (2834732)

UK LIVING
7.00am Jayne and Friends (5912799) **8.00** Fame, Fortune and Romance (7105913) **8.30** Living Daylights (3775428) **8.45** Yoga (3763683) **9.00** Divorce Court (5952914) **9.30** Hot Topics (8197515) **10.00** Your Child (3603119) **10.30** Living Extra (4155698) **11.00** Family Affairs (4520206) **11.30** Floyd on France (4521935) **12.00** Practical Living (27118770) **12.15pm** Kilroy (1860515) **1.00** Crosswits (2811596) **1.30** Infatuation (8167374) **2.00** Days of Our Lives (3604848) **3.00** Agony Hour (4525751) **4.00** Crosswits (5870080) **4.30** Infatuation (9338024) **5.00** Highlights of Jayne and Friends (8320868) **6.00** John Tovey's Entertaining on a Plate (5620747) **6.30** Far Eastern Cookery (1925139) **7.00** Agony Hour (4523637) **8.00** The Young and the Restless (8129567) **9.00** FILM: Nurse (1980): Widow Michael Learned returns to work (5979044) **11.00** Divorce Court (4545515) **11.30** Dr Ruth (3692003) **12.00-1.00am** Days of Our Lives (5896707)

FAMILY CHANNEL
5.00pm Wonder Years (6732) **5.30** Danger Bay (5596) **6.00** Big Brother Jake (2409) **6.30** Catchphrase (6461) **7.00** Trivial Pursuit (6596) **7.30** All Clued Up (2645) **8.00** Remington Steele (17751) **9.00** Neon Rider (37515) **10.00** WKRP in Cincinnati (13848) **10.30** The Bob Newhart Show (22596) **11.00** Newhart (81848) **11.30** Mary Tyler Moore (62935) **12.00-1.00am** Lou Grant (68320)

MTV
6.00am Wild Side (679751) **9.00** VJ Ingo (307022) **12.00** Greatest Hits (86428) **1.00pm** VJ Simone (545935) **3.30** The Report (6493683) **3.45** At the Movies (6498138) **4.00** News (5684190) **4.15** 3 From 1 (5687041) **4.30** Dial MTV (3374) **5.00** The Soul of MTV (8190) **5.30** Music Non-Stop (55190) **7.00** Bon Jovi (88003) **9.00** Greatest Hits (85995) **10.00** The Report (205770) **10.15** At the Movies (200225) **10.30** News (827577) **10.45** 3 from 1 (815732) **11.00** Hit List UK (23732) **1.00am** VJ Marijne (97438) **2.00-6.00** Night Videos (3029784)

TV ASIA
6.00 Parsian Dawn (31041) **7.00** Regional News Bulletins (91935) **7.30** Asian Morning (71138) **9.00** Pal Jhar (54480) **10.00** Punjabi FILM (303206) **1.00pm** Sauda (90206) **1.30** Hindi FILM: Parasmani (227312) **4.30** Kiddie Time (1770) **5.00-6.00** TVA and You (2393) **7.00** Isai Bahane (4596) **7.30** Newstrack (9995) **8.00** English News Bulletin (410903) **8.15** Hindi FILM: Shankar Shambhu (59979119) **11.15** Hisaar (871515) **12.05am** Five Past Midnight (5630436) **1.35** Sight and Sound (18801287)

TNT
Tonight's Theme: Lew Ayres Birthday Tribute **7.00pm Young Dr Kildare** (1938, b/w): Lew Ayres starts work at a large New York hospital (16759867) **8.35 Calling Dr Kildare** (1939, b/w): The heroic doctor risks everything to treat a criminal (82795732) **10.15 The Secret of Dr Kildare** (1939, b/w): The doctor treats a blind heiress (46693138) **11.55 Dr Kildare Goes Home** (1940, b/w): Kildare helps his father set up a clinic in a small town. With Lionel Barrymore (24414799) **1.25am Dr Kildare's Crisis** (1940, b/w): The brother of Kildare's fiancée discovers he may have epilepsy (32610271) **2.55 Dr Kildare's Strange Case** (1940, b/w): Kildare uses new brain surgery methods on a criminal patient. (56516165). Ends at 5.00

CNN
Twenty-four hour news

CMT
Country music from midnight to 4pm

QVC
Home shopping channel

RADIO 3

6.55am News 7.00 On Air: Bach (Preludes and Fugues in E, E minor and F, 48 Bk I); Praetorius (Dances from Terpsichore); Brahms (Wie lieblich sind Deine Wohnungen); Paganini (Centone di sonate, Op 64 No 1); Suppé (Overture, Morning, Noon and Night in Vienna); Poulenc (Suite, Les Biches)
9.00 Composers of the Week: The Strauss Family of Vienna — Johann Strauss, son. Peter Kemp explores the composer's career
10.00 Musical Encounters, with Chris de Souza. Liszt (Mephisto Waltz No 1; Three Songs from William Tell); Bach (Preludes and Fugues from the 48); Beethoven (Piano Sonata in E, Op 14 No 1); Bach, arr Mozart (Fugue in D, BWV 874); Schubert, orch Liszt (Fantasy in C, Wanderer)
12.00 Music Restored: Catherine Bott, soprano, and Fretwork perform secular songs in celebration of the composer William Byrd (r)
1.00pm News 1.05 The BBC Orchestras: BBC National Orchestra of Wales under Tadaaki Otaka performs Pwyll ap Siôn (White Noise); Grieg (Piano Concerto in A minor: Martin Roscoe); Walton (Symphony No 1)
2.40 Book, Music and Lyrics: Robert Cushman looks at musicals (r)
3.25 Britten: War Requiem. Performed by the Chester Festival Chorus, Liverpool Cathedral Choristers and the BBC Philharmonic under Richard Hickox
5.00 A Musician's Musician: Elisabeth Schwarzkopf talks to André Tubeuf about her teacher and mentor, the soprano Maria Ivogun. Kreisler (Liebesfreud); Mozart (Marten aller Arten, Die Entführung aus dem Serail); Massenet (Je marche sur tous les chemins, Manon); Strauss (Grossmächtige Prinzessin, Ariadne auf Naxos); Trad (Gsätzl; Maria auf dem Berge)
6.00 Maggini Quartet: Mozart (String Quartet in D, K575); Beethoven (String Quartet in E flat, Op 74, Harp) (r)
7.00 A Most Disreputable Profession: In his series on the history of singing opera for a living, John Rosselli discusses the Castrati
7.30 Vice and Virtue: The Choir and Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment under Gustav Leonhardt, with Barbara Bonney, Ralf Popken, Paul Agnew and David Wilson-Johnson, perform Bach (Cantata No 211, Schweigt stille, plaudert nichts); Corelli (Concerto Grosso in G minor, Op 6 No 8). **8.15** Interval. **8.25** Bach (Cantata No 213, Lasst uns sorgen, lasst uns wachen)
9.20 John Cheever Stories: Just One More Time. Read by William Hootkins
9.30 Alban Berg: The opening concert of the BBC's 1992 Berg festival, featuring the Seven Early Songs, Four Pieces, Op 5 for clarinet and piano, and the Adagio from the Chamber Concerto (r)
10.45 Arthur's Knight: Sir Accolon. Richard Griffiths stars as Malory in the fourth of six tales by Kevin Crossley-Holland about King Arthur and his court. With Peter Meakin
11.30 The BBC Orchestras: BBC Philharmonic under Markus Stenz performs Stravinsky (Scènes de ballet); Schumann, orch Mahler (Symphony No 2 in C) **12.30-12.35am News**

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer For the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55,** Weather **7.45** Thought for the Day with Lavinia Byrne **8.40** On Yer Bike, Schweik! The second of five wartime tales by Eric Davidson **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Call Robin Lustig: 071 580 4444. Lines open from 8am
9.45 Down Your Ear, with Armando Iannucci
10.00-10.30 Bel Mooney's Somerset Winter (FM only): A seasonal pilgrimage to Glastonbury
10.00 News; Daily Service (LW)
10.15 The Bible (LW only): Matthew (1/10)
10.30 The Village: Nigel Farrell on life in Bentley, Hampshire
11.00 News; The Train Now, Showing: John Huntley recalls films that used locomotives
11.30 Murder at the Vicarage: Second of a five-part dramatisation of Agatha Christie's novel
12.00 News; That's What Friends Are For: See Choice
12.25pm Wordly Wise: Peter Hobday's guests are Frances Edmonds, Carola Hayman, Chris Stuart and Simon Brett (r) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with James Naughtie
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Christmas at the Ritz: W. Somerset Maugham's comedy, *The Circle,* continues the season of hit plays from the 1920s
3.30 Ad Lib: Robert Robinson in conversation with a group of diplomats (r)
4.00 News 4.05 Going Back: Drummond Cuthbert returns to the streets of his South African childhood
4.45 What a Difference a Day Makes: Tuesday
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Gentleman and Ladies: Episode four of Susan Hill's wryly observed study of friendship and family ties in a small English village
7.00 News
7.05 The Archers
7.20 Relative Values: Geoffrey and Ora Joseph's two-year-old daughter disappeared (r)
8.00 The Mayonnaise Library. See Choice (r)
8.30 Devil's Advocate: The comedienne Helen Lederer sympathises with Alex, the jilted mistress played by Glenn Close in the film *Fatal Attraction.* Kathy Lette disagrees.
8.45 In Touch: For the visually handicapped
9.15 Exalting the Valleys: Phil Smith visits the Pennine town of Todmorden for a traditional performance of Handel's *Messiah*
9.45 The Rush: John Wilson talks to vascular surgeon Professor Roger Greenhalgh **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Misha Glenny
10.45 Book at Bedtime: The final part of Bel Ami
11.00 Sweet Memories: The story of Dainty Dinah, the character developed by George William Horner to decorate his tins of toffee. With Martyn Wiley
11.30 Play As I Please: Toting his trumpet, Humphrey Lyttelton goes to war in Italy (2/4)
12.00-12.43am News, incl 12.27 Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

CHOICE

Walls of Silence. *Radio 5, 9.00pm.*
Clare McIntyre's drama is a searching and sensitive account of how a young mind can be deeply scarred when adults do not settle adult affairs in an adult way. Kate Winslett plays the traumatised teenager. First, she must absorb her parents' acrimonious divorce. Then there is the wall of silence erected around her father's name. Finally, her father's sudden death. Nothing but good can come of plays like this if there happen to be real-life targets to hit somewhere out there.

The Mayonnaise Library. *Radio 4, 8.00pm.*
Why mayonnaise? Empty Hellman bottles are the bookends in the Burlington, Vermont, library where unpublished books are treated with the respect normally reserved for their luckier brethren. And, because mayonnaise bottles serve so many purposes for grassroots Americans, they have become part of the national iconography. The unpublished manuscripts at the Brautigan library have also become part of the American psyche since they represent stillborn, aborted or miscarried literature. The books and their failed writers are told in effect that they do have a place in the world.
Peter Davalle

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Heseltine hails competitive future for UK

By Philip Bassett
Industrial Editor

■ Michael Heseltine wishes to stay at the Department of Trade and Industry for another two years to see through the policy of improving UK competitiveness

BRITAIN has improved its competitiveness with rival economies, according to Michael Heseltine, the President of the Board of Trade.

Mr Heseltine's remarks, made during an interview with *The Times*, reflect a growing confidence among ministers about the state of Britain's economic recovery in comparison with many of its competitors, many of whom are still deep in recession.

In particular, Mr Heseltine signals a greater degree of satisfaction with the performance of UK firms than was indicated in a Government document on UK industrial competitiveness earlier this year. That suggested in broad terms that Britain was about 25 per cent behind its main competitors such as Germany, Japan and the United States in *terms of its overall output*, productivity and growth.

The controversial document prepared by the competitiveness unit set up by Mr Heseltine at the Department of Trade and Industry was eventually issued in a truncated form to the all-party Commons Trade and Industry select committee. Mr Heseltine will be questioned on his now more optimistic outlook when he appears before the commitee again in three weeks' time.

Mr Heseltine told *The Times* that the notion of a competitiveness gap had to be recognised, and that not to do so would be "conning yourself". But he added: "There are grounds for a quiet, gritty confidence" about British companies improving their competitiveness. "Look at the pace of change, and it's running in the right direction," he noted.

With low interest rates, low inflation, a competitive currency and a favourable tax climate all helping the corporate sector to work properly, the Government was giving British business the best possible assistance.

He emphasised there was no "short-term way out" of Britain's economic problems, *tracing back a long history of* competitive decline that he and the Government were actively trying to reverse.

Even after a decade, he said, such a decline was still gradual enough for the competitiveness disadvantage hardly to show itself. However, he added, "after 40 years, there is a gap. Trying to reverse that is about a cultural shift".

As part of that, Mr Heseltine is to continue in 1994 both his informal contacts with senior business leaders and his programme of drawing in industrialists to work alongside civil servants, with the specific aim of improving the practicality of Government-business relations.

In a wide-ranging interview about his department's work, Mr Heseltine — who appeared concentrated but at ease after his heart attack this year — also clarified his own position as President of the Board of Trade and the length of time he envisaged in the job.

After a television interview provoked media speculation that he still retained an ambition to become Chancellor, Mr Heseltine said the work he believed necessary for improving British competitiveness — both in terms of company performance and the role of *the Government in assisting* firms — would require another two years at the DTI.

Fulfilment of that — Mr Heseltine has been at the DTI since last year's General Election — would mark a significant shift from the high turnover and short tenure of many of his predecessors as DTI secretaries of state. It would also greatly boost morale in a department that some, in both industry and the Government, have seen as drifting, unsure of its role in both spheres of influence.

Living dangerously, page 30

Skiers are buying new equipment as fast as manufacturers are making improvements for a quicker but safer sport

Technology keeps cold wind of recession from ski slopes

Early snow and updating of equipment have helped the sport weather a harsh economic climate, says **Ivo Tennant**

Early snow means that business is booming for the ski industry this year. Before Easter, about 800,000 Britons will slope off to the slopes of continental Europe, America or even Scotland for a holiday that is energetic and, increasingly, technical.

Though skiing may be only a seasonal pursuit for these sporting tourists, advancement in manufacturing is such that they, like their foreign counterparts, are upgrading their equipment as never before. Recession has not tempered demand for the best, which is almost unrecognisable to the skiers of ten years ago, let alone those who used chunks of hand-carved hickory for skis.

If the technology developed this year enables skiers of all skills to travel faster, it has also made the sport safer; broken legs are less common. The quality of ski is all important. The new top range of skis patented by Rossignol, of France, can make a difference of 0.02sec to the likes of Alberto Tomba, the Olympic champion, in world cup events. Each ski, which has tiny tyre-like marks underneath, is tested 50 times. Each pair costs Ffr20,000. For the holiday-maker, the latest fibreglass prototype, with vibration absorption, costs between £200 and £380.

Such is the competition among leading manufacturers — Benetton Nordica and Salomon vie for prominence with Rossignol — that workers are sworn to confidentiality and photographers are banned from the new high-tech factory at Voiron, France. Cheap skis are being produced in Bulgaria and elsewhere but this is one item of sports equipment it is not advisable to skimp on. In Japan, the more expensive the skis and the more notable the brand, the better they sell.

But prices of skis and boots have not changed over the last year, partly because new technology has saved 20 per cent on costs. The four-buckle boot (about £270 a pair) has become more popular as recreational skiers follow the fashion set by the sport's stars.

More recreational types of boot (£120-£200) do not have such tight control but are more comfortable and can be rented at resorts. Stockpiling of equipment or notable rises in prices of equipment have not affected skiing in general. But costs can be a problem. At French resorts, the cost of a lift pass is rising (Ffr198 a day in 1992-3 to Ffr 205 in 1993-4 at Meribel and Courcheval). Richard Prothet, Rossignol's export manager, noted: "Skiing is too expensive and a number of resorts have problems." However, he believes that "the numbers are secure since we are at the bottom of a financial cycle".

After three years of losses, his firm, which has started to recycle unwanted equipment, is back in profit after restructuring. Its shares rose in Paris from Ffr780 in July to more than Ffr2000 this month.

Owing to artificial snow-making machinery, the season now begins and ends earlier. Savoie, which covers a third of the skiing area of France, accrues Ffr25 billion a year through its 27 million mostly winter visitors.

The recession has not affected the popularity of skiing, while the constant updating of factories and equipment has helped manufacturers keep the wolf from the slopes.

Interest rate cuts urged

Henning Christophersen, the European Commission vice-president, called for fresh European interest rate cuts but said: "This can only happen in the presence of good macro-economic policies aimed at stability."

In an interview with *Diario de Noticias*, the Portuguese newspaper, he said that most EC states were showing signs of economic upturn, "but recovery is still going very slowly".

Marriott cash

Host Marriott has registered plans with the Securities and Exchange Commission to offer publicly 17.5 million common shares, valued at about $151 million. The money will be used to acquire hotels and other assets. The company manages 129 hotel properties worldwide and has been seen as a rival to Forte to form a joint venture for Italy's Ciga group.

Bribes sentence

Four former employees of Japan's Kirin Brewery were convicted of paying more than £180,300 to keep racketeers from disrupting an annual shareholders' meeting. They were given suspended prison sentences of five to six months. The company denied any links with the payments.

Lottery contract

GTech Holdings, one of the Camelot partners bidding to operate the British lottery, has won a five-year contract to supply equipment and services to Polla Chilena de Beneficencia, Chile's state-owned national lottery company.

Disney down

Shares in Euro Disney slumped more than 6 per cent on a French report that banks were being offered a 45 per cent discount for Euro Disney loans on the secondary debt market. The shares were Fr2.50 lower at Fr30.70.

Stake in Astra

Deutsche Bundespost Telekom, the German state telecommunications monopoly, will acquire a stake in Société Europeenne des Satellites (SES), a Luxembourg company that operates the Astra satellite television system.

Lloyds buys

Lloyds Chemists, the UK's second biggest chemist chain after Boots, paid £1.1 million for Trident Pharmaceuticals, a wholesaler covering southern England and South Wales.

Mazda and Ford in new joint deal

By Kevin Eason
Motoring Correspondent

FORD and Mazda yesterday announced a co-operation deal that could revive the chances of them making a small car for Europe.

The venture will allow the companies to share costly research and development resources and intensifies a relationship dating from 1979, when Ford took a 25 per cent equity stake in Mazda. Unlike other Japanese manufacturers, Mazda does not have extensive foreign manufacturing capacity and none in the European Community.

The companies had explored the possibility of a joint venture to build about 200,000 small cars a year from a European site. The car would be in the Fiesta class and would rival cars coming from Toyota and Nissan plants in the UK. The deal was called off earlier this year after both sides failed to agree. The new agreement could renew enthusiasm to try again.

Ford is to increase representation on the Mazda board from four to seven, of which four will become full-time members of Mazda's management. Mazda will benefit from the strength of the world's second biggest carmaker.

French bank sues London council

By Patricia Tehan, Banking Correspondent

CREDIT Commercial de France has launched legal action against the London borough of Hammersmith and Fulham in an attempt to recover money it lost in interest rate swap deals in the 1980s.

The bank has lodged a suit in the commercial division of the High Court in London seeking repayment of the money and alleging fraud on the grounds that the council made "false statements to CCF regarding its powers to undertake swap operations."

The statement did not say how much money CCF, a private bank, was seeking. A spokeswoman refused to reveal how much the bank was trying to recover. In the past, Michel Pembereau, former CCF chairman and chief executive, has said the bank's exposure was "not the major problem. We are a large bank".

CCF was one of a number of banks that lost out when Hammersmith and Fulham and other councils failed to pay up when interest rate swap deals went against them. There was no one at Hammersmith and Fulham prepared to comment.

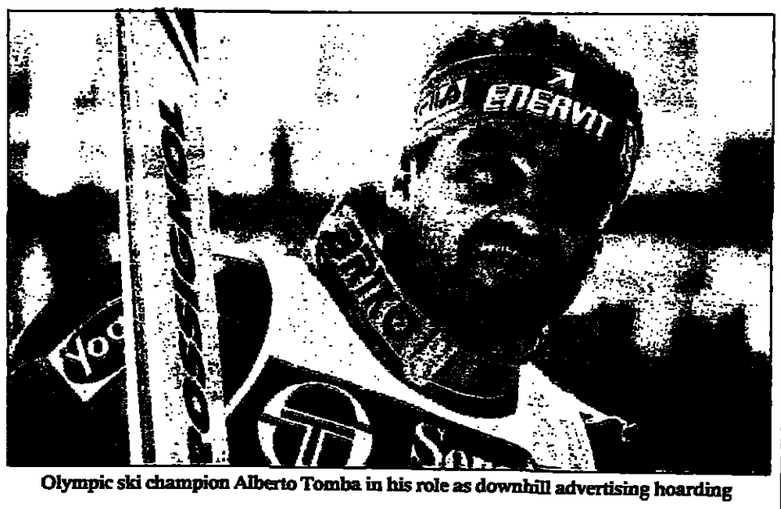
In 1991, the House of Lords ruled that local authorities had no power to enter interest rate swap agreements and, therefore, had no obligation to pay banks some tens of millions of pounds that were owing on outstanding deals.

The decision left 80 banks facing losses of £560 million on swap transactions with 130 councils. They have been left to try to recover about a quarter of their losses through restitution — reclaiming the interest paid to councils under the invalid swap agreements.

In 1989, after an initial high court ruling that the contracts were null and void, Charles de Croisset, president and chief operating officer of commercial banking at CCF, said: "It is unbelievable that transactions concluded in an apparently regular fashion, presented by licensed London money markets should, after a period of seven years, be suddenly declared null and void."

A Bank of England spokeswoman said yesterday: "We would welcome anything that would resolve the legal uncertainty." The Bank does not regulate the swaps market, but has a watching brief.

CCF said the Court of Appeal had ruled in favour of a bank in a similar case. That is thought to refer to a ruling that the London borough of Islington must pay £1.14 million to WestDeutsche Landesbank.



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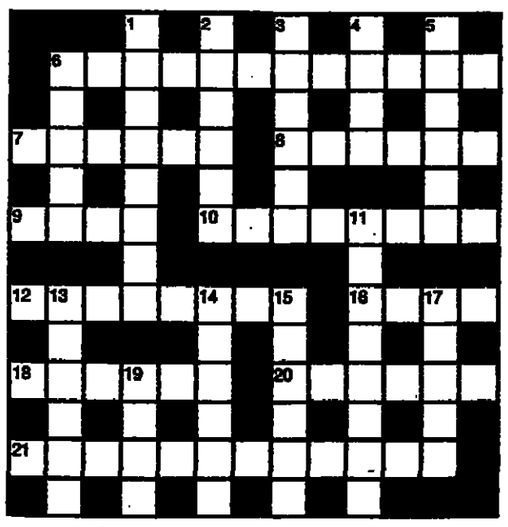

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No 48

ACROSS

6 Spot affording favourable view (7,5)
7 Kitchen grinder (6)
8 Maintenance (cost) (6)
9 Outstandingly brave person (4)
10 Time limit (8)
12 Time of decay of 50% of radioactive sample (4-4)
16 US/European alliance (1,1,1,1)
18 Carve (6)
20 Potable bean (6)
21 Republican Britain (12)

DOWN

1 Finish shift; steal (5,3)
2 Rigid bar for tamping down muzzle (6)
3 Gorgon; jellyfish (6)
4 Bottle stopper (4)
5 Overlooked (6)
6 Utter; express (5)
11 Disposal of refuse by burying (8)
13 Fasten to ground (6)
14 Have purpose (6)
15 Avoid (6)
17 Cogs of wheel (5)
19 Harry —, the Third Man (4)

SOLUTION TO NO 47

ACROSS: 1 Gibbon 5 Bird 9 Tallies 10 Wilkes 11 Discrete 12 Louvre 15 Broken 18 Delivery 20 Verona 22 Bavaria 23 Loll 24 Diesel

DOWN: 2 Intuit 3 Ballcock 4 Noise 6 Idol 7 Dog-ear 8 As well 13 Universe 14 Indaba 16 Rueful 17 Crease 19 Livid 21 Oval

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By Raymond Keene

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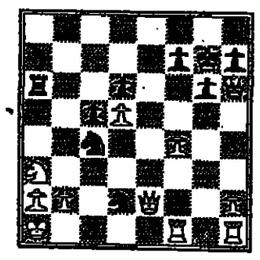

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By Philip Howard

HOLY WRIT

NABAL
a. An oasis in Ur
b. A rude husband
c. An epigone of Baal

NAAMAN
a. An Amalekite priest
b. A widow
c. A leper

TABITHA
a. A keen needlewoman
b. Pharaoh's cat
c. A wild prophetess

DEMAS
a. A companion of Paul
b. A false prophet
c. A governor of Antioch

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